

2021

ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
Town Offices



Of the  
Town of Egremont  
Berkshire County, Massachusetts

For the Fiscal Year 2021

Pictured on the cover: Egremont Free Library aka Mount Everett Academy  
Photo by Lesliann Furcht

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## FACTS ABOUT EGREMONT

INCORPORATED.....	1775
LOCATION.....	Southwestern corner of Mass.
POPULATION.....	1233
LEGAL VOTERS.....	1087
FORM OF GOVERNMENT.....	Town Meeting
TAX RATE FY 2021.....	\$9.35
PUBLIC SCHOOL.....	Southern Berkshire Regional
LIBRARY.....	Egremont Free Library
POLICE 911 or.....	528-2160 Jason LaForest, Chief
FIRE PROTECTION 911 or.....	528-1625 Joseph Schneider, Chief James Olmsted, Assistant
AMBULANCE SERVICE 911 or.....	528-3900 Southern Berkshire Volunteer
STATE POLICE.....	1(413)243-0600
EMERGENCIES.....	911
TOWN OFFICES.....	528-0182 171 Egremont Plain Road Monday-Friday 7:00am - 3:00pm
TOWN ROADS.....	42.19 miles
TOTAL AREA.....	18.91 miles
TOTAL ACREAGE.....	12,039.79
APPROXIMATE ELEVATION.....	800 feet - town center
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DATE.....	First Tuesday of May May 3, 2022
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION DATE.....	Second Tuesday of May May 10, 2022

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Governor**

Charles Baker

### **Lt. Governor**

Karyn Polito

### **United States Senators**

Elizabeth Warren

Edward Markey

### **United States Representative**

Richard Neal

First Congressional District

### **State Senator**

Adam Hinds

Berkshire Senatorial District

### **State Representative**

William "Smitty" Pignatelli, Lee

4<sup>th</sup> Berkshire Representative District

## ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

### ELECTED:

#### ASSESSORS:

Susan Turner	2022
Alice Tortoriello	2022 (2023)
Francine Groener	2024

#### AUDITOR:

#### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:

David Campbell	2023
Steve Agar	2022
John Wells	2024

#### CONSTABLE:

James Olmsted	2022
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#### LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

Francine Groener	2022
Margaret Muskrat	2024
Keila Sheldon	2023

#### MODERATOR:

Stephen Cohen	2022
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#### PLANNING BOARD:

Mary McGurn	2021
Stephen Lyle	2026
Jared Kelly	2023
Matthew Bersani	2025
Ed Regendahl	2022
Associate member: Marj Wexler	2022

#### SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Danile Jordan Kelly	2022
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#### SELECTBOARD:

George McGurn	2023
Lucinda Vermeulen	2022
Mary Brazie	2024

#### TOWN CLERK:

Juliette Haas	2022
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#### TREE WARDEN:

James Olmsted	2022
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*Sunrise on Baldwin Hill. Photo by Police Officer Joe Kozlowski*

**APPOINTED:**  
A.D.A. COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
Mary Brazie HR Committee  
Tom Reynolds

**ACCOUNTING OFFICER:**  
Paul Lisi  
Mary Brazie, Assistant

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION:**  
Sara Love 2023  
Darrell Turner 2024  
Peter Maggio 2023  
Jennifer Brown 2022  
Elizabeth Keene 2024

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:**  
Max Kolb 2024  
DEPUTIES: Bonnie Bassis  
James Olmsted

**APPEALS, BOARD OF:**  
Mark Holmes 2023  
Rolfe Tessem 2024  
Cathy Fracasse 2022  
Alternates: Chuck Ogden 2022

**ASSESSORS CLERK:**  
Will Brinker

**BERKSHIRE COUNTY REG'L PLANNING COMMISSION:**  
Ed Regendahl, Representative 2022  
Mary McGurn, Alternate

**BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY:**  
Bruce Bernstein 2022  
George McGurn, Chairman Board of Selectmen 2022

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT:**  
Thomas Reynolds

**BUILDING & GROUNDS LABORER:**  
Scott Fountain

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:**  
Ned Baldwin 2022  
Alternate: Kollmer, Matthew

**BURIAL AGENT:**  
Juiette Haas 2022

**BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE** 2022  
Mary McGurn  
Eileen Vining  
Richard Allen  
Richard Slutzky  
Chet Delaney  
Stephen Goodman  
Robert Sandor

**COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE** 2022  
James Noe  
Mary Brazie  
Jared Kelly  
Jason LaForest  
Stephen Lyle

<u>COMPACTOR OPERATOR:</u>	
William T. Wood	2022
Alternates: Christopher Guarda	
Highway Department & Scott Fountain	
<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION:</u>	
Patrick Riordan	2024
Bill Tynan,	2022
David Seligman	2023
Alexis Fakelmann	2024
David Campbell	2022
Joyce Frater, Associate	
Shannon Poulin, clerk	
<u>COUNCIL ON AGING:</u>	2022
Bruce Bernstein	
Georgette Kinney	
Chet Delaney	
Carolyn Palmucci	
Linda Warner	
Margaret Muskrat, Administrator Assistant	
<u>E-911 COORDINATORS:</u>	
Mary Brazie	2022
Fire Chief Joe Schneider	
<u>EGREMONT-ALFORD CULTURAL COUNCIL:</u>	
Margaret Muskrat	2022
Sandra Josel-Alford	2021
Beth Craig-Alford	2024
	2024
	2023
	2021
Karen Climo	2021
Ellen Maggio	2021
<u>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:</u>	
Edward McCormick	2022
Assistant William Brinker	
<u>FENCE VIEWERS:</u>	
Kevin Wheeler	2022
<u>FIELD DRIVER:</u>	
David Sheldon	2022
<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE:</u>	
Laura Allen	2022
Bryan Frank	2023
	2023
Frank Penglase	2024
Bruce Turner	2022
Thomas Berkel	2021
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</u>	
Joseph Schneider, Chief	2021
Jim Olmsted, Assistant #2	
James Golden, Captain	
Dave Guidi, Captain	
Roger Meyer, Lieutenant	
Paul Sierau, Lieutenant	
Dave Katzenstein, EMS/Tech Rescue Captain	



<u>FOREST WARDEN:</u>	
Joseph Schneider	2021
<u>FRENCH PARK COMMITTEE:</u>	2021
George McGurn, Trustee	
Lucinda Vermeulen, Trustree	
Mary Brazie, Trustee	
Hilary Penglase	
Zoe Hersch	
Melody Lamb	
Elizabeth Spaulding	
David Guidi	
<u>GAS INSPECTOR:</u>	2021
Robert Gennari	
Robert Kruspki, alternate	
<u>GREEN COMMITTEE:</u>	2021
Juliette Haas	
Robin Goldberg	
Marj Wexler	
Richard Allen	
Pat Konecky	
Corinna Barnard	
Emily Eyre	
Barbara Kalish	
Sharon Waskow	
<u>HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR:</u>	
Edward McCormick	2021
<u>HEALTH, BOARD OF:</u>	
Ellen Maggio	2023
Charles Ogden	2021
William Rose	2022
Alternate & Director: Juliette Haas	
<u>HIGHWAY PERSONNEL:</u>	
Donald Peck, Foreman	
Richard LaRose	
Carmello Guarda	
<u>HISTORICAL COMMISSION:</u>	
Steve Piersanti	2022
William Wood	2021
	2021
Douglas Cooper	2023
Barbara Kalish	2023
Rebecca Turner	2022
Abigail Rogers-McKee	2020
<u>Housing Committee:</u>	2021
Richard Allen	
Frederick Gordon	
Mark Holmes	
Elizabeth Keen	
Judith Goodman	
Bruce Kafenbaum	
Douglas Mishkin	

<u>HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE:</u>	2021
George McGurn	
Laura Allen	
Charles Ogden	
Personnel Director Cara Becker	
<u>INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS:</u>	
Carla Turner	2021
<u>LIBRARIAN:</u>	
Lesliann Furcht	
Substitute: Marie Erwin, Abigail Rogers-Mckee	
<u>MASSACHUSETTS BROADBAND INSTITUTE:</u>	
Jeff Lazarus, Liason	2021
<u>MUNICIPAL COORDINATORS:</u>	
Edward McCormick	2021
<u>MUNICIPAL VULNERABILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE:</u>	
Will Conklin	
Lucinda Vermeulen	
Juliette Haas: Manager and Municipal Contact	
Ed McCormick	
Jim Noe	
Dave Rejeski	
Will Brinker	
Emily Eyre	
Weston & Sampson	
<u>PERSONNEL DIRECTOR:</u>	
Cara Becker	
<u>PLUMBING INSPECTOR:</u>	
Robert Krupski	2021
Alternate: Bob Gennari	
<u>POLICE DEPARTMENT:</u>	
Police Chief: Jason LaForest	2022
Full-time Patrol Officer: Hans Carlson	2022
Maximilian Kolb	
Matthew O'Sullivan	
Joseph Kozlowski	
Part-time Patrol Officers:	2021
Joseph Pravia	
Police Details Only: Brian Shaw	
Police Administrative Assistant: Brittany Walsh	
<u>POLL WORKERS:</u>	
Juliette Haas, Town Clerk	2021
Marlene Soudant, Warden	
Susan Turner, Warden	
James Olmsted, Constable	
Barbara Shultis, Marj Wexler, Gerard Lanoue, Peg Muskrat, Monica Lanoue, Jeanne Peck, Lisa Eckland,	
<u>POUND KEEPER:</u>	
Bonnie Bassis	2021
<u>REGISTRARS, BOARD OF:</u>	
Juliette Haas, Chair	2021
Lizzie Spaulding	
Carissa Mann	

<u>ROAD SUPERINTENDENT:</u>	
James Noe	
<u>SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD:</u>	
Egremont Police Department	
<u>SELECTMEN'S OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:</u>	
Mary Ann Brazie	
<u>SURVEYORS OF LUMBER:</u>	
Peter Barrett	2021
<u>TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE:</u>	2021
Bruce Bernstein	
David Seligman	
Lucinda Vermeulen	
Pat Konecky	
Patrick Riordan	
Marshall Bouton	
Lizzie Spalding	
Will Conklin	
Ari Zorn	
<u>TOWN COUNSEL:</u>	
Firm of Hannon, Lerner, Cowhig, Scully & Bell	2021
Lead Attorney: Jeremia Pollard	
<u>TOWN HALL OFFICE CLERK:</u>	
William Brinker	
<u>TOWN HISTORIAN:</u>	
William H. Wood	2021
<u>TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR:</u>	
Susan Funk	
<u>VETERANS' AGENT:</u>	
Laurie Hils	2021
<u>VETERAN'S SERVICES:</u>	
Thomas Gage	2021
<u>WATER COMMISSION:</u>	
Max Kolb	2022
Ray Palmucci	2023
Gerard Lanoue	2021
<u>WATER DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK:</u>	
William Brinker	
<u>WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATOR:</u>	
Nathan Stalker	
<u>WIRE INSPECTOR:</u>	
Ted Piontek	2021
Alternate: Robert Clausen	

**Reformatted General Bylaws for May 7, 2019 Special Town Meeting – Article 3**

**Approved by the Attorney General's Office - August 19, 2019**

**Amended September 17, 2019. Adopted by the Attorney Generals Office December 16, 2019**

**Amended June 8, 2021. Approved by Department of Revenue 6/28/21**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**TOWN OF EGREMONT**

**GENERAL BYLAWS**

**1 Town Meetings**

**1.1 Meeting schedule**

- 1.1.1 Per a vote of Town Meeting on May 31, 1973 it was designated that the first Tuesday of May is the date of the Annual Town Meeting and the second Tuesday in May is the date of the Town Election.

**1.2 Quorum:**

- 1.2.1 The presence of sixty (60) voters at a Town Meeting for the transaction of business shall constitute a quorum, except for a motion to adjourn, for which no quorum shall be required. The number of persons constituting a quorum may only be altered at an Annual Town Meeting.

**1.3 Posting:**

- 1.3.1 Attested copies of all Town Meeting Warrants shall be posted by the Town Constable or other person so designated by the Board of Selectmen, in four (4) public places or more, within the Town, for at least fourteen (14) days before the holding of said meeting, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**1.4 Voting:**

- 1.4.1 Articles in the Warrant shall be acted upon in the order in which they stand, unless the meeting shall direct otherwise by majority vote. No article shall be prejudiced by such action.
- 1.4.2 All motions at a Town Meeting shall be reduced to writing if so requested by the Moderator or any legal voter.
- 1.4.3 Any vote to raise and appropriate money by issuing bonds or notes of the Town except as provided in Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and amendments thereto and any vote concerning a raise in the limit of indebtedness of the Town hereafter taken shall be acted upon at any annual town meeting or special town meeting in the warrant for which such article or articles appear by written secret ballot.

**1.5 Special Town Meetings**

- 1.5.1 The Selectmen shall place in the local newspaper a synopsis of the warrant for any special town meeting at least fourteen (14) days before the date of said meeting and copies of the warrant shall be available to the public at the place of said meeting.

**1.6 Right of Speech**

- 1.6.1 All Town of Egremont property tax payers have the same right to speak at the Town's Annual Meeting and all other town meetings as those who are registered to vote in the Town of Egremont, subject to the right of the Egremont Town Moderator to maintain order at Town Meetings.

## 2 Warrants and Articles

- 2.1 All articles in any warrant shall be referred to and considered by the Finance Committee for its recommendations.

## 3 Elections

- 3.1 SELECT BOARD TERMS OF OFFICE: In May, 1999, one member shall be elected for a three year term, one for a two year term, and one for a one year term. Thereafter, beginning with the election in May, 2000, and each year thereafter, each expiring term shall be filled by a three year term.

## 4 Boards And Committees

- 4.1 All boards and committees shall, within one week after election or appointment, elect a chairperson and secretary, and give notice of such election to the Town Clerk.

### 4.2 Reports and Stewardship:

- 4.2.1 The Selectmen shall annually, by December 1 after the close of the preceding fiscal year, cause to be distributed among the taxpayers of the Town, a detailed report in print of all money received into and paid out of the Town Treasury during that preceding fiscal year, which report shall be examined and approved by the Auditor before it is printed. The Selectmen shall also publish in said report such information and recommendations as they may deem proper.

### 4.3 Finance Committee

#### 4.3.1 Duty and Authority:

- 4.3.1.1 It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to investigate the cost of maintenance of the different departments of the Town, and they shall recommend in detail the amounts to be appropriated for each department for the ensuing year.

- 4.3.1.2 The committee shall have authority to summon before it for such information and investigation as it shall deem necessary, any of the Town officials and reports, for such examination considered by it necessary to the proper discharge of its duties.

- 4.3.2 Said committee shall be constituted as follows: six voters to be appointed by the moderator within seven (7) days after the annual town elections, none of whom shall hold any other town office, two to serve for a term of one year, two to serve for a term of two years, and two to serve for a term of three years, or until their successors are chosen.

- 4.3.3 Successors shall be chosen by a majority vote of a committee within twenty-one (21) days after the Annual Town Elections. Said committee shall consist of two Selectmen chosen by the Selectmen, two of the remaining members of the Finance Committee, chosen by the Finance Committee, and the Moderator. Said committee shall not contain the same two Selectmen or the same two Finance Committee members in successive years. Chairperson of said committee shall rotate between a Selectman, a Finance Committee member, and the Moderator in

successive years. Vacancies shall be filled as soon as possible in the same manner as are successors. Any member appointed to the committee in accordance with the foregoing sentence shall serve for the unexpired portion of the term of the member whom he is replacing.

#### 4.4 Council on Aging

- 4.4.1 The Selectmen shall annually within thirty (30) days following the annual election appoint a minimum of five (5) and not more than seven (7) registered voters of the town to serve as a municipal Council of Aging in accordance with the provisions of Section 8B of Chapter 40 of the General Laws.
- 4.4.2 The Council shall organize by choosing from its membership a chairman and clerk of said Council.
- 4.4.3 The Council shall submit an annual report to the town meeting and furnish copies to the State Commission on Aging.
- 4.4.4 The Council may appoint such clerks and other employees as it may require.
- 4.4.5 The Council shall coordinate and carry out programs designed to meet the problems of the aging in cooperation with programs of the State Commission on Aging as established by Section 73 of Chapter 5 of the General Laws.

### 5 Legal Affairs

- 5.1 The Selectmen have the full authority as agents of the town to institute and prosecute suits in the name of the town, and to appear and defend suits brought against it, unless it is otherwise specially ordered by a vote of the town. They may, with the advice of counsel, settle any compromise suits or claims where the settlement shall not call for payment of more than three hundred (\$300.00) dollars.
- 5.2 The Board of Selectmen is authorized to initiate proceedings for the non-criminal disposition of violations of Town By-laws or any rules or regulations of any municipal officials, boards or departments, the violation of which is subject to a special penalty. The procedures set forth in MGL Chapter 40, Section 21D are hereby adopted for said non-criminal disposition of violation.

### 6 Finances of the Town

#### 6.1 Taxes

- 6.1.1 Definitions; Tax Collector - The municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterment and other municipal charges.
- 6.1.2 The Tax Collector shall annually furnish to all municipal Licensing Authorities a list of any parties that have neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterment or other municipal charges for a period of not less than twelve (12) months, provided that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.
- 6.2 The Office of the Treasurer/Collector, shall pay all fees received by said officer by virtue of said officer's office to the town treasurer for deposit into the General Fund of the Town, as allowed under M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21, Clause 13. (Effective 8/29/98)
- 6.3 Departmental Revolving Funds

- 6.3.1 Purpose. This by-law establishes and authorizes revolving funds for use by town, departments, boards, committees, agencies and officers in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all or some of the expenses of those programs or activities. These revolving funds are established under and governed by General Laws Chapter 44, 53E 1/2.
- 6.3.2 Expenditure Limitations. A department or agency head, board, committee or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law without appropriation subject to the following limitations:
  - 6.3.2.1 Fringe benefits of full-time employees whose salaries or wages are paid from the fund shall also be paid from the fund.
  - 6.3.2.2 No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.
  - 6.3.2.3 The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by Annual Town Meeting on or before July 1 of that fiscal year, or any increased amount of that authorization that is later approved during that fiscal year by the Selectboard and Finance Committee.
- 6.3.3 Interest. Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this by-law shall be credited to the general fund.
- 6.3.4 Procedures and Reports. Except as provided in General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 and this by-law, the laws, charter provisions, by-laws, rules, regulations, policies or procedures that govern the receipt and custody of town monies and the expenditure and payment of town funds shall apply to the use of a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law. The Town Accountant shall include a statement on the collections credited to the fund, the encumbrances and expenditures charged to each fund and the balance available for expenditure in the regular report the Town Accountant provides the department, board, committee, agency or officer on appropriations made for its use.
- 6.3.5 Authorized Revolving Funds. The Table establishes:
  - 6.3.5.1 Each revolving fund authorized for use by a town department, board, committee, agency or officer,
  - 6.3.5.2 The department or agency head, board, committee or officer authorized to spend from each fund,
  - 6.3.5.3 The fees, charges and other monies charged and received by the department, board, committee, agency or officer in connection with the program or activity for which the fund is established that shall be credited to each fund by the Town Accountant,
  - 6.3.5.4 The expenses of the program or activity for which each fund may be used,
  - 6.3.5.5 Any restrictions or conditions on expenditures from each fund;
  - 6.3.5.6 The fiscal years each fund shall operate under this by-law.

A Revolvin g Fund	B Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to Spend from Fund	C Fees, Charges or Other Receipts Credited to Fund	D Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	E Restrict ions or Conditio ns on Expenses Payable from Fund	F Fiscal Years
French Park	Board of Selectmen and Buildings & Grounds	Donations received for use of the park	Expenses to operate the park	No wages	Fiscal Year 2019 and subseque nt
Home Compost Bins	Board of Selectmen and Sustainability Coordinator	Proceeds from sale of bins	Purchase of new bins to replenish supply		Fiscal Year 2019 and subseque nt
Zoning Board of Appeals	Zoning Board of Appeals	Special permit application fees	Expenses associated with special permit applications/ hearings (advertising, mailings)	No wages	Fiscal Year 2019 and subseque nt
Dog License & donatio ns fund	Town Clerk	Fees charged for licensing of dogs & donations for use of Dog Park	Purchase of dog licenses, expenses related to issuing dog licenses, fees to Town Clerk, expenses at dog park (i.e poop removal, fence repairs, etc.)	No wages	Fiscal Year 2019 and subseque nt
Inspect or Wages	Wiring, Plumbing & Gas Inspectors	Fees charged and received by the inspectors for electrical, gas and plumbing inspections	Salaries or wages of inspectors performing electrical, gas and plumbing inspections and other serviced related to those inspections	Does not include Building or Health Inspecto rs or their expenses	Fiscal Year 2019 and subseque nt



A Revolvin g Fund	B Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to Spend from Fund	C Fees, Charges or Other Receipts Credited to Fund	D Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	E Restrict ions or Conditio ns on Expenses Payable from Fund	F Fiscal Years
Compost able Materia ls	Green Committee and Sustainability Coordinator	Charges for selling compostable materials	Purchase of new compostable materials: plates, cups, plastic wear, table covers, etc.	No wages	Fiscal Year 2019 and subseque nt
Recycli ng Proceed s	Board of Selectmen and Sustainability Coordinator	Proceeds from sale of containers, papers, metals	Expenses related to trash and recycling programs. Purchase of equipment related to trash and recycling programs.		Fiscal Year 2019 and subseque nt
Plannin g Board	Planning Board	Special permit application fees	Expenses associated with special permit applications/ hearings (advertising, mailings)		Fiscal Year 2019 and subseque nt
French Park Dog Park	Board of Selectmen and Trustees of French Park	Donations from users of the dog park	Expenses related to the dog park: repairs, poop removal, containers	No wages	Fiscal Year 2019 and subseque nt
Transpo rtation	Van Service - transportation department	Donations from riders who utilize the van and assessments from the Town's of Alford and Mount Washington, stipend from BRTA	Expenses related to the van and the van service, the Transportation Department		Fiscal Year 2022 and subseque nt

## 7 Water Resources

### 7.1 Harbors, Rivers and Lakes

- 7.1.1 A Harbor Master, to enforce state and local regulations, including the provisions of this Bylaw, is to be appointed annually by the Selectmen as of July 1 each year.
- 7.1.2 Disposal of waste of any type is strictly prohibited by Bylaw and in State law within or upon the waters and waterways of the Town.
  - 7.1.2.1 The fine for each offense shall be \$50.00 payable to the Town of Egremont. Other offenses under M.G.L. Chapter 90B shall be fined, subject to the decision of the Harbor Master, who will enforce the provisions of such Chapter 90B for the Town.
- 7.1.3 Prospect Lake:
  - 7.1.3.1 No boat propelled by an engine of more than ten (10) horsepower shall be operated on Prospect Lake in said Town.
  - 7.1.3.2 Any vessel propelled by internal combustion engine shall not exceed a speed of 10 m.p.h. on the waters of Prospect Lake.
  - 7.1.3.3 No vessel propelled by internal combustion engine shall be operated on Prospect Lake at any time before sunrise nor after sunset, except for emergencies or with written permission of the Harbor Master.

## 8 Employees

### 8.1 Hiring/Appointment

- 8.1.1 The Board of Selectmen shall require all applicants for appointments as full-time Town employees to be appointed on the basis of their qualifications and shall compile a job description for each such appointment.

## 9 Environment and Recycling

- 9.1 The town, in order to recycle as much as possible of solid waste generated within the Town, authorizes the Selectmen to enact rules and regulations to require everyone disposing of solid waste at a Town facility to separate recyclable material from their solid waste and to dispose of such recyclable material in designated areas so that it may be recycled.
- 9.2 For the purpose of this bylaw, the term "recyclable" shall mean: glass, paper, and metal, as well as other material the Selectmen may determine can be recycled. The Selectmen may set a fine not to exceed \$100.00 for each violation of this bylaw.
- 9.3 All bylaws, rules, and regulations or other documents inconsistent with the provisions of this bylaw are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.
- 9.4 This bylaw and the various parts, sentences, or clauses thereof are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, or clause is adjudged invalid, it is hereby provided that the remainder of this bylaw shall not be affected thereby.
- 9.5 The Selectmen shall have the authority to add, alter or delete items to be separated as markets for recycled goods change.

## 10 Licenses and Permits

### 10.1 Definitions

10.1.1 Tax Collector - The municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterment and other municipal charges.

10.1.2 Licensing Authority - Any department, board, commission or division that issues local licenses or permits of any kind, including renewals and transfers.

10.1.3 Party - Any person, corporation or business enterprise.

10.2 The Tax Collector shall annually furnish to all municipal Licensing Authorities a list of any parties that have neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterment or other municipal charges for a period of not less than twelve (12) months, provided that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.

10.2 With the exception of licenses and permits specified below in this Bylaw, the Licensing Authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list (noted above) furnished to the Licensing Authority from the Tax Collector, and said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party.

10.2.1 Before any such denial, revocation or suspension, however, written notice shall be given to the Party by certified mail, return receipt requested, and to the Tax Collector, both in accordance with applicable provisions of law, and the Party shall be given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen (14) days after receipt of said notice. For the purposes of this section, said notice shall be deemed received on the return receipt. In the event the Party fails or refuses to accept said written notice and/or the return receipt is unsigned or undated, the notice shall be deemed to have been received on the third business day following the date of mailing, as determined by the postmark or other evidence.

10.2.2 The Tax Collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the licensing authority with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the License Authority receives a certificate issued by the Tax Collector certifying that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterment or other municipal charges, payable to the Town of Egremont as of the date of issuance of said certificate.

10.2.3 Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the Licensing Authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided,

however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.

10.3 The Board of Selectmen, upon written request, may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of his immediate family, as defined in section one of Chapter two hundred and sixty-eight A in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.

10.4 Notice of the public hearing shall be posted on the principal bulletin board in the Town Hall not less than seven (7) days before the hearing and shall be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation within Egremont once each in two succeeding weeks, with the date of first publication not less than fourteen (14) days before the date of the hearing.

10.5 This Bylaw shall not apply to the following licenses and permits:

10.5.1 Open burning (MGL Ch.48, Sect.13)

10.5.2 Bicycle permits (MGL Ch.85,Sect.11A)

10.5.3 Sales of articles for charitable purposes (MGL Ch.101, Sect.33)

10.5.4 Children work permits (MGL Ch.149,Sect.69)

10.5.5 Clubs, associations dispensing food or beverage licenses (MGL Ch.140,Sect.21E)

10.5.6 Dog licenses (MGL Ch.140,Sect.137)

10.5.7 Fishing, hunting, trapping licenses (MGL Ch.131,Sect.12)

10.5.8 Marriage licenses (MGL Ch.207, Sect.28)

10.5.9 Theatrical events, public exhibition permits (MGL Ch.140, Sect.181)

## 11 Energy and Environment

### 11.1 Stretch Energy Code

11.1.1 For the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereof, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk.

## 12 Property Enhancements: Private and Business

### 12.1 Alarms

#### 12.1.1 Permits, Fees, and Revocation

12.1.1.1 The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to grant a revocable permit to any owner, lessee or occupant of property located in the town to operate, maintain, install or modify a police or fire alarm device, and no such device shall be operated unless such permit shall have first been issued.

12.1.1.2 The Board of Selectmen shall charge an annual fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the issuance of such permit.

12.1.1.3 A permit issued pursuant to this bylaw may be revoked at any time or from time to time by the Board of Selectmen upon giving of ten (10) days= notice in writing, by registered or certified mail, to the permittee, sent to the address shown on the permit. The violation of this bylaw shall constitute grounds for the revocation of the permit.

- 12.1.1.4 **Penalties for Offenses** - Any person operating an alarm system without a permit from the Board of Selectmen violates the provision of this bylaw and shall be subject to a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense. Each subsequent month shall constitute a new violation and an additional fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be assessed to anyone who has not paid the permit fee. If, after six months since the first billing date, the fees and fines remain unpaid, the Town will revoke the alarm permit and take action to have the alarm system disconnected and a new installation application must be made by a certified alarm installer and fees and fines paid before reconnecting the alarm.
- 12.1.2 **Definitions**--As used in this by-law, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:
- 12.1.2.1 **Alarm Systems**--Any alarm device, whether police, fire or medical, which automatically emits an audible, visual, or other response upon the occurrence of any hazard or emergency and is intended to alert persons outside the building to the existence of said hazard or emergency, including alarm signals transmitted to privately operated alarm monitoring companies.
- 12.1.2.2 **False Emergency Alarm**--Any signal actuated by an emergency alarm to which the Police or Fire Department responds which is not the result of fire, holdup, robbery, or other crime emergency.
- 12.1.2.3 **Police Emergency Number**--Any telephone number designated by the Chief of Police as a telephone number through which members of the public or alarm monitoring company may report an emergency or request public assistance.
- 12.1.3 **Dialing Devices**--No person shall use, operate or install any alarm system without a permit issued by the Board of Selectmen. Any system installed on or after the effective date of this by-law must comply with this by-law. Pre-existing installations must comply within six (6) months of the effective date of this bylaw.
- 12.1.4 **Responsibilities of Installer, User:**
- 12.1.4.1 The user of every alarm system maintained in the town, except those installed in motor vehicles, shall within ten (10) days of installation thereof or within sixty (60) days of the enactment of this bylaw, file the following information with the Selectmen's Office of the Town of Egremont:
- 12.1.4.1.1 Name, address, and phone number of the property owner.
- 12.1.4.1.2 Type of alarm system.
- 12.1.4.1.3 Street address and the nearest cross street of the building which houses the alarm.

- 12.1.4.1.4 In the case of commercial premises, the name, address, and telephone number of an authorized representative and/or an alternate who will be able to respond when called by Police to deactivate the alarm system, if necessary.
- 12.1.4.1.5 In the case of a private residence, the name, address, and telephone number of a person who is not a resident of the private residence in question and who will be able to deactivate the alarm system.
- 12.1.4.1.6 **Delay**--Upon the activation of a burglary (break-in) alarm there shall be a mandatory delay of at least fifteen seconds before the transmission of a signal/call to enable the user to abort the signal in the event that it was triggered inadvertently. This delay shall not be applicable to a robbery (hold-up), fire or medical emergency alarm.
- 12.1.4.1.7 **Timing Device**--The user of every alarm system shall, at the time such system is installed, or within six (6) months of the effective date of this bylaw in the case of existing systems, install or cause to be installed an automatic timing device which shall deactivate such alarm so that it will be activated for no more than fifteen (15) minutes.

12.1.4.2 False or Uncontrolled Alarm Noise/Disconnection

- 12.1.4.2.1 **False Alarms**--After the issuance of a permit, a fee will be charged for responses to the building/residence for any false alarm, including an alarm malfunction or an accidental alarm, based on a responding officer's determination. When responding to such an alarm, a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be charged for the second response, one hundred (\$100.00) for each subsequent response. After the third response within a twelve-month period, the permit may be revoked by the Board of Selectmen, and the alarm system disconnected, until the alarm system has been re-certified by a reputable installer of alarms. All such alarm fees will be payable to the Town of Egremont.
- 12.1.4.2.2 **Disconnection**--In the event that an alarm system emitting an audible, visual, or other

similar response shall fail to be deactivated within the time limitation specified in Section 4 above, the Town shall have the right to take such action as may be necessary in order to disconnect any such alarm.

12.2 Swimming Pools

12.2.1 A swimming pool, whether above or below ground, whether public or private, is subject to the following requirements:

12.2.1.1 A pool permit obtained through the Building Inspector shall require that all pools be surrounded by at least a 4-foot-high fence, rigidly held in place, constructed of or faced with (i.e. on the outside) a wire mesh fence having openings no greater than 3" in diameter, with a safety latch on the gate to help prevent accidental drowning. All other types of fencing designed to prevent young children from climbing over or crawling under and/or through may be allowed at the discretion of an with the permission of the Building Inspector.

12.2.1.2 All above ground pools must have detachable ladders and/or platforms that are removed when pool is not in use. There shall not be any permanent attached access to the pool.

12.2.1.3 All public and semi-public pools shall be regulated by the Mass. State Building Code Article 6, Section 625.0

12.2.1.4 Pre-existing pools must comply within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this bylaw. (February 24, 1992 effective date.)

12.2.2 Violators of this bylaw shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00 a day.

12.3 House and Dwelling Numbers

12.3.1 Numbers for each dwelling, each apartment, and each business, and other buildings in the Town of Egremont shall be those assigned in accordance with the street number survey by the Egremont E 9-1-1 Coordinator.

12.3.2 It shall be the responsibility of each property owner in the town to obtain and install the number or numbers assigned to the affected structure or structures within ten (10) working days of the assignment.

12.3.3 The owner of the property seeking a building permit for a new building or structure shall apply for and receive such a building number designation or numbers from the 9-1-1 Coordinator as a part of the application to the Building Inspector for a building permit and/or as a part of the application to the Road Superintendent for a driveway permit, and no permit shall be issued without designation of such building number. The numbers must be installed on the property before any construction or construction preparation begins.

12.3.4 Reflective numbers shall be placed at the main entrance to the structure; that is, on the road on a suitable support so that they are clearly visible from the street. The size of the numbers to be no less than 3 inches high, and placed no higher than six (6) feet above ground level, and no lower

than 3 feet above ground level, and for structures begun after July 1, 2002 no lower than 42 (forty-two) inches above ground level.

12.3.5 This Bylaw shall be enforced by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Egremont, either directly or through an enforcer to be appointed by them. Failure to comply with this Bylaw shall subject the offending property owner to a fine not exceeding ten dollars (\$10.00) per day after proper notification of failure to such owner.

12.3.6 All residents shall have 3 months from the date of inception of this bylaw to comply.

#### 12.4

##### Tennis Courts

12.4.1 Prior to construction of a tennis court, written application for a tennis court permit shall be made to the Building Inspector, said application to include the name of the property owner and the location of the proposed tennis court indicated on a plot plan.

12.4.2 The Building Inspector shall, within 30 days of receipt of the aforesaid application, determine whether said proposed tennis court conforms to all applicable regulations and, if so, shall issue a tennis court permit within said 30 days.

12.4.3 No construction of the proposed tennis court shall occur unless a tennis court permit shall have been issued.

12.4.4 Upon issuance of a tennis court permit, the Building Inspector shall simultaneously forward a copy of said permit to the Board of Assessors.

12.4.5 The owner of a tennis court pre-existing the date of acceptance of this Bylaw by the Attorney General of Massachusetts must inform the Assessors of the tennis court's existence within 30 days following said date.

12.4.6 Failure to comply with this Bylaw shall subject the offending violator to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day after proper notification of failure to such violator.

12.4.7 This Bylaw shall be enforced by the Town Building Inspector.

#### 13 Agriculture

##### 13.1

##### Agricultural Commission

13.1.1 There shall be an Agricultural Commission to address agricultural matters and represent agricultural interests in the Town of Egremont.

13.1.2 The mission of the Egremont Agricultural Commission shall be to:

13.1.2.1 Encourage the pursuit of agriculture in the Town, both as a business and as a community resource

13.1.2.2 Promote the protection and preservation of farms and farmland

13.1.2.3 Promote agricultural-based economic opportunities

13.1.2.4 Articulate agriculture-related planning needs

13.1.2.5 Advise other Town Boards and commissions on activities pertaining to agricultural lands in Town

13.1.2.6 Act as an educator and negotiator in agricultural matters

13.1.2.7 Promote the visibility and vitality of farming in Egremont

13.1.3 The Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. At least three of the members shall be actively engaged in



agriculture, and the remainder shall be interested in agriculture. The diversity of agriculture in Egremont shall be recognized in choosing the Commission members. The initial terms for the first members of the Commission shall be three years for two members, two years for two members, and one year for one member. Thereafter, the term of each member shall be three years. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen in such a manner as to maintain the cycle of appointments, based on the recommendations of the Commission.

13.2

Right To Farm

13.2.1 Purpose and Intent

13.2.1.1 The Town of Egremont finds that farming is an essential and valued activity, which provides fresh food, clean air, economic diversity, local employment, and open spaces to all the citizens of our town. This bylaw is intended to encourage the pursuit of agriculture, promote agricultural-based economic and employment opportunities, and protect farmland within the Town of Egremont. The purpose is to allow agricultural uses and related activities to function in harmony with the community, town agencies and others. This bylaw shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the Town.

13.2.2 This bylaw restates with emphasis the right to farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as stated under the Constitution and General Laws and Regulations, including but not limited to Article 97, of the Constitution, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1: (The Zoning Act) Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128, Section 1A.

13.2.3 Definitions:

13.2.3.1 A Farm shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of commercial agriculture, or accessory thereto. A Farm shall include youth related agricultural activities, such as but not limited to 4-H.

13.2.3.2 Farming or Agriculture shall include, but not be limited to the following:

13.2.3.2.1 Farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil

13.2.3.2.2 Dairying

13.2.3.2.3 Orchards

13.2.3.2.4 Production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, aquacultural, floricultural, viticultural, or horticultural commodities

13.2.3.2.5 Growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations

13.2.3.2.6 Raising of livestock including horses

- 13.2.3.2.7 Keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise and
- 13.2.3.2.8 Keeping and raising of poultry, sheep, goats, swine, cattle, ratites (such as emus, ostrich and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals
- 13.2.3.2.9 Farming shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:
- 13.2.3.2.10 Operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the Town
- 13.2.3.2.11 Control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators and disease organisms of plants and animals
- 13.2.3.2.12 Application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides
- 13.2.3.2.13 Conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agritourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm
- 13.2.3.2.14 Processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer=s market or farm stand including signage thereto
- 13.2.3.2.15 Maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of the agricultural products
- 13.2.3.2.16 On-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations
- 13.2.3.2.17 Revitalizing drainage or irrigation ditches, picking stone, erecting, repairing or maintaining fences, and clearing, rejuvenating and maintaining pastures and
- 13.2.3.3 Herding of livestock from area to area, including along roads
- 13.2.4 Right To Farm Declaration
  - 13.2.4.1 The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Egremont. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust and fumes associated with normally

accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and protections of this By-law are intended to apply exclusively to those agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. For any agricultural practice, in determining the reasonableness of the time, place, and methodology of such practice, consideration shall be given to both traditional customs and procedures, as well as to new practices and innovations. Moreover, nothing in this Right to Farm By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land.

13.2.4.2 The protections contained in this by-law do not replace any applicable zoning or legal restrictions associated with agricultural operations.

#### 13.2.5 Notification to Real Estate Buyers

13.2.5.1 In order to allow prospective purchasers to make informed decisions prior to a real estate transaction and to promote harmony between farmers and their new neighbors after a transaction, the Town of Egremont requests selling landholders and/or their agents (and assigns) to provide written notice to prospective purchasers substantially as follows:

13.2.5.1.1 It is the policy of the Town of Egremont to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers that the property they are about to acquire lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Purchasing, and henceforth occupying land within Egremont means that one should expect and accept such conditions as a normal and necessary aspect of living in Egremont.

13.2.5.2 Written notification may occur in one of several ways including but not limited to a disclosure form, addendum to a Purchase and Sale Agreement and should include an acknowledgment by the buyer that they have received notification.

13.2.5.3 Within 30 days after this by-law becomes effective the Board of Selectmen shall make available for use by selling landowners or their agents (and assigns) copies of example written notifications.

13.2.6 Within 30 days after this by-law becomes effective, The Board of Selectmen shall prominently place in the Town Hall the above disclosure.

13.2.7 Within 30 days after this by-law becomes effective the Tax Collector shall include a copy of the above disclosure with responses to requests for Municipal Lien Certificates.

13.2.8 Resolution of Complaints

13.2.8.1 Any person having a complaint about a farm activity or practice is encouraged to seek an amicable resolution to the complaint, including talking directly with the involved farmer.

13.2.8.2 Such person may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, request resolution assistance from the Board of Selectmen. Such a request does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies.

13.2.8.3 The Board of Selectmen may appoint a panel of at least three individuals, to include representation from farmers, or refer such request to an Egremont Agricultural Commission, should one exist.

13.2.8.3.1 Said panel or Agricultural Commission shall review and facilitate the resolution of such a request, and report its recommendations to the Board of Selectmen within the agreed upon time frame.

13.2.9 Severability Clause

13.2.9.1 If any part of this By-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this By-law. The Town of Egremont hereby declares the provisions of this By-law to be severable.

14 Non-Agricultural Animals and Other Pets

14.1 Dogs:

14.1.1 Any person owning and keeping an unlicensed dog within the Town shall, under the provisions of Section 141 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws and amendments thereto, be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which fine shall be in addition to the applicable licensing fee as prescribed by law.

14.1.2 Any person owning or keeping a dog within the Town in violation of a muzzling and/or restraining order issued by the Board of Selectmen of the Town and in effect at the time under the provisions of Section 167 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws shall be subject to a fine of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for the first offense and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the second offense.

- 14.1.3 Whenever a complaint is sought in District Court for a second or subsequent violation under the provision of Section 173 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, the fines set forth in Section 173A of said Chapter 140 shall apply.

## 15 Sewers and Sewerage

### 15.1 Septic System Tight Tanks

- 15.1.1 All septic systems which rely on "Tight" tanks must have installed an alarm system which is triggered when the tank is 65% full and a 2nd alarm system which automatically shuts off water supply to the house when the waste water level reaches 90% of the tank's capacity.

## 16 Hawkers and Peddlers and Tag Sales

- 16.1 Except as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 101, Section 17 and Section 22, no person shall act as a door-to-door hawker, peddler, or transient vendor within the Town of Egremont without having obtained a license for such purposes from the Select Board.

- 16.2 The penalty for violation of this bylaw shall be a fine of \$20.00 for each violation. Each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate violation. The enforcing agent shall be the Police Department.

### 16.3 Tag Sales

- 16.3.1 Tag sales and sales of similar nature within the Town of Egremont will be allowed at any location, by permit from the Board of Selectmen.
- 16.3.2 The fee will be set by the Board of Selectmen.
- 16.3.3 Up to three tag sales at the same location and/or by the same person will be permitted in one calendar year with the fees increased for each successive sale.
- 16.3.4 Permits must be applied for 14 days prior to the sale and shall not be advertised prior to obtaining a permit. Violators of this bylaw shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00.
- 16.3.5 All posted signs, notices, posters, etc., advertising a tag sale and sales of similar nature must be removed within 24 hours of the closing of said sale. Violators of this Bylaw shall be subject to a fine of \$10.00 per day.

## 17 Roads and Bridges and Driveways

### 17.1 Access to Public Ways

#### 17.1.1 Definitions (for the purpose of this Bylaw only)

17.1.1.1 Abutting property owner: a person or entity owning property bordering on a way.

17.1.1.2 Driveway: a driveway, private road, logging road, temporary access for construction, logging or testing, and other privately owned vehicular access to and egress from a way; excluding temporary access when no excavation is performed or fill added.

17.1.1.3 Public Way: a way laid out by a public agency, or dedicated to public use or laid out for public use or used and maintained as a public way.

17.1.1.4 Way: any public way which is not subject to G.L. Ch. 81, S. 21 (state curb cut permit).

#### 17.1.2 Purposes

- 17.1.2.1 To provide maximum protection to the public through the orderly control of traffic moving onto and from a way;
- 17.1.2.2 To provide a uniform practice in the design and construction of entrances and exits;
- 17.1.2.3 To provide the necessary drainage.

#### 17.1.3 Permits

- 17.1.3.1 Any abutting property owner desiring to gain access to a way or desiring to alter, change or close an existing driveway shall do so only in accordance with the provisions of a permit issued by the Board of Selectmen.

#### 17.1.4 Application

- 17.1.4.1 Before beginning construction, the abutting property owner or his duly authorized agent shall make written application, on forms available at the Town Hall, to the Highway Superintendent, including a plan showing:
  - 17.1.4.1.1 Any driveway that is to be created, altered or closed; and
  - 17.1.4.1.2 details on drainage.
- 17.1.4.2 The application shall contain a description of the proposed construction as far as it encroaches upon or affects the public road or public way and its shoulders, banks, ditches, drainage and other features.
- 17.1.4.3 The application shall also describe the effect on traffic.
- 17.1.4.4 A fee of \$50.00 shall be paid to the Town of Egremont when the application is submitted to the Highway Superintendent.

#### 17.1.5 Processing of applications by the Highway Superintendent

- 17.1.5.1 The Highway Superintendent shall examine the application in order to determine if it conforms to sound design requirements, including those listed in the section below.
- 17.1.5.2 He shall make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen within ten (10) days after receipt of the written application, setting forth conditions that he deems reasonable.

#### 17.1.6 Action by the Board of Selectmen

- 17.1.6.1 The Board of Selectmen shall issue or deny a permit within ten (10) days after receiving a recommendation from the Highway Superintendent.
  - 17.1.6.1.1 The permit may set forth conditions which the Selectmen deem reasonable.
  - 17.1.6.1.2 The denial shall give reasons; it may contain suggestions for a revised application.

#### 17.1.7 Design requirements

- 17.1.7.1 The Highway Superintendent shall consider the requirements of the State DPW Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, but shall modify these to accord with:
  - 17.1.7.1.1 local conditions;
  - 17.1.7.1.2 compatibility with local road design; and
  - 17.1.7.1.3 size of the proposed project.

- 17.1.7.2 Driveways shall be located to the best advantage with regard to alignments with the way, profile, sight distance conditions and the like. A leveling area shall be provided at the edge of the way sufficient for safe access on to the way. Unless conditions require it, a driveway should not be located at the extreme edge of a property.
- 17.1.7.3 No more than two driveways shall normally be allowed for any property unless there is clear necessity for more. Leasing of a portion of the property does not affect this requirement. If a number of establishments will be constructed on one parcel, a service road may be required, to connect with allowable exit and entrance.
- 17.1.7.4 Driveways shall not normally be approved at intersections, particularly signalized intersections, because of the potential safety hazard which arises when a driver enters a road from a corner driveway and is not faced with a direct signal indication. Access directly into a rotary is also discouraged.
- 17.1.7.5 Culverts taking the place of roadside ditches shall have a diameter of not less than 15 inches. A larger diameter may be required.
- 17.1.7.6 The elevation of driveways at the point of entry into the public right of way should be no more than the elevation of the shoulder of the road.
- 17.1.7.7 Driveways should be so constructed that water from the driveway shall not drain onto the crown of the road.
- 17.1.7.8 In no instance shall the edge of the driveway entering onto the road conflict with the flow of surface water runoff.
- 17.1.7.9 Individual driveways should not be less than eight (8) feet nor more than sixteen (16) feet in width within the Town right of way. Any curb at the entrance shall be rounded off with a radius of three (3) feet.
- 17.1.7.10 Wherever possible, driveways should be pitched downward from the roadway. However, where topography prevents the driveway from being pitched downward in its entirety, the driveway must be constructed on a downgrade from the road surface to the sideline of the Town right of way with a pitch of at least one-quarter inch per foot. From the sideline the driveway may be pitched toward the roadway; however, in no instance shall a driveway have a pitch toward the roadway of greater than one inch (1") per foot, unless adequate provisions have been made and approved by the Highway Superintendent for the diversion of driveway surface runoff away from the roadway. The Highway Superintendent may require methods of diversion for driveways having a pitch of less than one inch (1") per foot if the proposed driveway construction will result in an excess accumulation of surface water in the way.

17.1.7.11 Driveways should be located to the best advantage to alignment with the way, profile, sight distance conditions and the like. In no instance shall the driveway intersect the way at less than a sixty (60) degree angle.

17.1.7.12 Exceptions

17.1.7.12.1 No permit shall be required for:

17.1.7.12.2 driveways already in existence, except for significant alterations; and

17.1.7.12.3 Driveways reviewed by municipal boards under other existing regulations or bylaws.

17.1.7.13 Continuing responsibility of owners:

17.1.7.13.1 Abutting property owners shall be responsible for keeping culverts under their driveways cleared and for maintaining driveways in condition conforming to the requirements of the permit and to the intent and spirit of this regulation. Driveways already in existence on the effective date of this regulation shall be maintained by the abutting property owners in their best pre-existing condition.

17.1.8 Waiver

17.1.8.1 Strict compliance with the requirements of this regulation may be waived by the Board of Selectmen when in the judgment of the Board such action is in the public interest and not in opposition to the intent of the regulation.

17.1.9 Violations

17.1.9.1 The penalty for violation of this Bylaw shall be a fine of \$300.00 for the first violation.

17.1.9.2 Upon notification the owner shall have 60 days to correct said violation; if not corrected a \$100.00 per day fine will be imposed.

17.1.9.3 The enforcing agent shall be the Zoning Enforcement officer.

## 18 Marijuana Sales Tax

18.1 In accordance with Massachusetts Acts of 2017, Chapter 55, Section 13, and pursuant to G.L. Chapter 64N, Section 3, the Town of Egremont hereby adopts a 3% gross sales tax applicable to marijuana retailers. The marijuana retailer shall pay the local sales tax imposed under this bylaw to the commissioner at the same time and in the same manner as the sales tax due to the commonwealth.

## 19 Marijuana Prohibition (not approved by Attorney Generals office as of 12/1/2021)

19.1 The operation of a marijuana craft cooperative shall be prohibited in the Town of Egremont.

19.2 The operation of a marijuana transporter shall be prohibited in the Town of Egremont.

19.3 The operation of a marijuana delivery operator is prohibited in the Town of Egremont.



- 19.4 The operation of a marijuana product manufacturer shall be prohibited in the Town of Egremont.
- 19.5 The operation of a marijuana cultivator shall be prohibited in the Town of Egremont.
- 19.6 The number of marijuana retailers in Egremont shall be limited to 10 percent, rounded up to the next whole number, of the number of licenses issued within the town for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises where sold under MGL Chapter 138 Section 15.
- 20 Short Term Rentals:
- 20.1 A local option room occupancy excise will be assessed as allowed by G.L. c64G, § 3A, and further to adopt a local excise rate of 6%
- 20.2 A local option community impact fee in the amount of 3% will be assessed as allowed by G.L. c 64G, § 3D (a) as it applies to each transfer of occupancy of a “professionally managed unit,” which is defined as one of two or more short-term rental units in Egremont not located in a single- or two- or three-family dwelling that includes the operator’s (owner’s) primary residence. The impact fee applies to transfers of occupancies on or after July 1, 2019 for which a rental contract was entered into on or after January 1, 2019. It does not apply to occupancy for which the rental contract was entered into before January 1, 2019
- 20.3 A local option community impact fee in the amount of 3% will be assessed as allowed by G.L. c 64G, § 3D(b) as it applies to short-term rental units in Egremont located within a two- or three-family dwelling that includes the operator’s (owner’s) primary residence under G.L. c. 64G, § 3D(b). The impact fee applies only to transfers of occupancies on or after July 1, 2021 for which a contract was entered into on or after January 1, 2021.



*Flower arrangement made by Hillary Collingwood. Photo by Hillary Collingwood.*

## **Annual Report of the Board of Assessors, Fiscal Year 2021**

The Board of Assessors, along with our assessing staff provided under contract by Regional Resource Group, continue to assure the fair taxation of all Egremont properties.

The Board of Assessors continues to organize and update assessment records, including real and personal property, as well as protected land. Other efforts included inspecting property after building permits are processed and auditing property files for accuracy and completeness.

Our Board strives to build and maintain good public relations. We provide our residents with:

1. pertinent information by placing notices in the Egremont newsletter covering topics such as property tax abatement information, statutory exemptions for veterans, legally blind and our elderly property owners, and specialty properties including Forest, Agricultural, and Recreational land.
2. abutters lists required for property permits,
3. mailings to those eligible for special tax classification and exemptions,
4. assistance in completing forms for residents who are eligible for exemptions.
5. current property ownership information by processing registered deeds, name and address changes,
6. motor vehicle excise abatements,
7. information on a host of tax and property assessment issues.

As the town's principal revenue generator, the Assessors are constantly on the lookout for properties subject to taxation. We seek to enhance tax revenues by:

8. identifying second homeowners whose household furnishings are subject to taxation; along with businesses that have inventory or fixtures that may be taxable. We have added several parcels to the Personal Property tax records that had previously not been inventoried;
9. making sure that new construction is monitored and assessed, and that property given a certificate of occupancy is taxed at the fully assessed value;
10. reviewing prior years' deeds to verify current property values;
11. monitoring individual assessments to insure that abatements are kept to a minimum, and
12. assuring that all requests for abatements are reasonable and properly processed.

Other office activities included:

1. photographing structures and attaching those photos to computerized assessment records,
2. processing land divisions,
3. reviewing and processing abatement requests,
4. processing personal property forms and chapter land applications,
5. preparing various Department of Revenue reports.

Our GIS mapping system is available online through the Town's website.

Our office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM-12Noon. We and our Regional Assessor from RRG are also available by appointment. Residents can contact us by e-mail at [assessors@egremont-ma.gov](mailto:assessors@egremont-ma.gov) or by phone at 413-528 0182, Extension 14. Current property information can be accessed at our website: [www.egremont-ma.gov/boa.html](http://www.egremont-ma.gov/boa.html)

**Town of Egremont  
Information**

**2021**

Total Parcels	1,169
Total Acres	13,060.55
Acres in Agriculture	2,190
Owners of Agriculture Land	66
# of Agriculture Parcels	67
Market Value Ag Land	\$15,840,100
Chapter Land Parcels	83
61 (Forest)	9
61A (Agriculture)	67
61B (Recreation)	7
Businesses	38
Single family residences	778
Multiple	37
Vacant	210
Commercial	14
Non-profit organizations*	12

**Forms Processed**

**2021**

Abutters lists	9
Auto Excise abatements	57
Building Permits	134
Chapter Land forms	70
New Deeds Processed	121
Personal Property forms	308
Statutory Abatements	
Veterans	12
Surviving Spouse	3
Gold Star Parent	1
Blind	2
Seniors	1

**\*Non-Profit Organizations:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Parcels 2021</b>	<b>Acres 2021</b>
Appalachian Trail Conservancy	4	25.98
USA Appalachian Trail	10	195.53
Berkshire Natural Resources	1	50
Berkshire Village	1	10.6
Blue Rider Stable	3	12.15
Egremont Land Trust	7	77.07
Mt Everett Reservation	1	16
Mt. Everett Cemetery Association	1	2.77
Nature Conservancy	11	189.55
Greenagers, Inc	2	167.78
Town of Egremont and Egremont Fire Department	18	541.42
United States of America	6	95.23
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	23	2857.63

## Report of the Building Commissioner

During the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 a total of 152 permits were issued.

The permit fees collected and turned over to the Treasure were \$58385.00 based on \$10,713,779.00 of construction as follows:

- 9 New Homes
- 5 Commercial Alterations
- 80 Additions & Alterations
- 5 Accessory Structures
- 5 Decks & Porches
- 5 Solar Installations
- 4 Swimming Pools
- 24 Roofs & Repairs
- 12 Wood Stoves
- 3 Sheetmetal Permits



*View from Baldwin Hill. Photo by Jon Caplan*

Respectfully Submitted,

Ned Baldwin

Building Commissioner



*Baldwin Hill Elm. Photo by Michael Mancini*

Bylaw Review Committee Annual Report  
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

As of 9.8.2020, the Committee resumed meeting regularly via Zoom to review in detail the wording and relevance of the General Bylaws and to propose any re-drafts and additions.

The work during FY 2021 focused on reviewing and approving proposed redrafts of bylaws related to town meetings, town elections, boards and committees, town finances, water resources, employees, licenses and permits, and waste disposal and recycling. Those working on the Committee during FY 2021 included Richard Allen, Chet Delaney, Steve Goodman, Mary McGurn, Richard Slutzky and Eileen Vining.

Any recommendations from the Committee for changes to the General Bylaws will have to be voted on at a town meeting for approval. The present approved General Bylaws can be viewed on the town's website.

The Committee thanks all those who served on it in the past. All Committee meetings are posted and open to public attendance.



*Smiley's Pond. Photo by Ari Zorn*

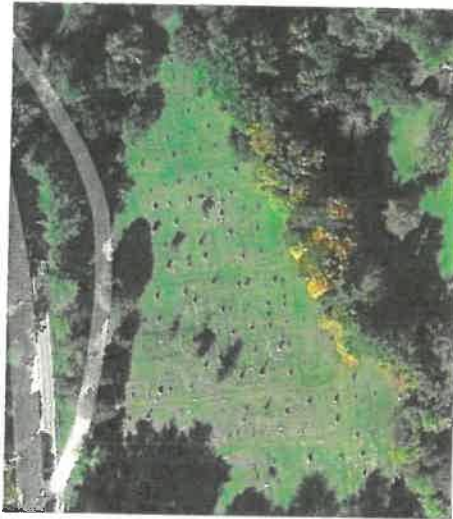
## REPORT FROM THE EGREMONT CEMETERY COMMISSION

We continued to maintain our three town cemeteries; Hillside Cemetery, a left off of Route 71 when you are heading toward the center of North Egremont village, Riverside Cemetery, just off of Route 71 after North Egremont Village and Town House Cemetery at the intersection of Town House Hill Road and Philips Road.

We hire A&A Cemetery Services to continue projects and do work on grave monuments. We are very appreciative for the help Will Brinker, Egremont's Office Clerk for his help in our Sale of Lots and other projects. The Egremont Cemetery Commission meets on the first Friday of each month at the Egremont Town Hall.

Respecffully Submitted  
David D. Campbell, Chair  
John Wells  
Steven W. Agar.

*Pictured below is the Riverside Cemetery.  
Taken from Google Earth.*





CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT  
JULY 1, 2020-JUNE 30,2021

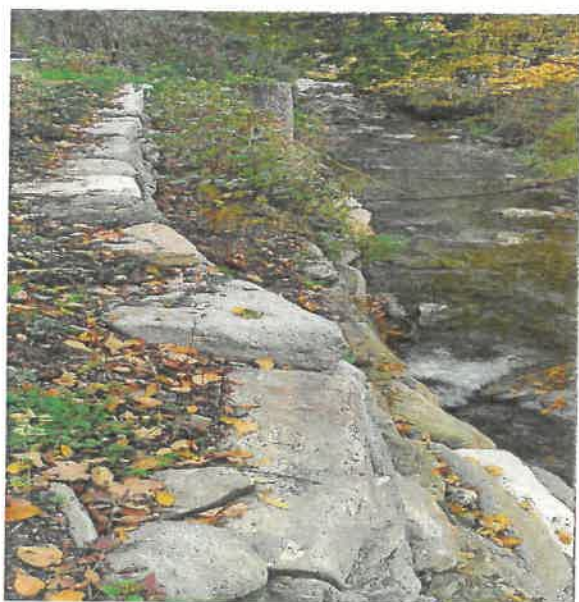
During the past year, the Conservation Commission has conducted its meeting by State mandate as Hybrid meetings, with Commission members present in person and all others attending via Zoom. Despite the usual glitches and discomforts, this format worked reasonably well and has, among other things, proven the value of providing plans and maps electronically rather than on paper. We look forward to full implementation of on-site video capabilities once we are able to return to post-Covid normal operations.

We were pleased to acquire the services of Shannon Poulin as our part-time Clerk. Shannon has begun the process of digitizing several years of our case files in a searchable data base and is assisting us in moving to electronic filing of wetlands documents through eDEP as the State now expects. David Seligman was elected Chair of the Commission, succeeding Bill Tynan. Patrick Riordan has managed our technology, and Alexis Fakelmann has been elected recording secretary with David Campbell as back-up. We have implemented a successful process for sign-offs on building permits where wetlands issues might occur.

The Select Board has tasked the Commission with drafting a plan for the management of a large tract of Town-owned land following a successful Forest Stewardship Grant application. During the year, the Commission held 22 Public Hearings on Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA) and Notices of Intent (NOI), conducted 15 additional site visits, and responded to more than three dozen citizen inquiries. We issued two Enforcement Orders and one Notice of Violation, all three matters satisfactorily resolved.

In every year there seems to be a single project whose urgency and complexity requires multiple hearings and site visits, much interaction and cooperation with State agencies, and enormous patience and understanding, not to mention expense, on the part of the land owners. During this year that project involve an 1860 homestead on the banks of Karner Brook, whose foundation was in danger of eroding due to a stream diversion caused by a large tree that fell into the Brook. Working with a local contractor, the bank was successfully stabilized and there is good reason to believe that the lovely home will remain on the site for at least another 160 years.

*Photos below by David Seligman*



## **Report of the Council on Aging**

Bruce Bernstein, Chairman  
Chet Delaney  
Georgette Kinney  
Carolyn Palmucci  
Linda Warner  
Pamela Knowles

Once again, the main focus of the COA this year been communicating and reaching out to our seniors. The uncertainty surrounding the pandemic has been particularly hard on older adults who are more vulnerable and often live alone. We reached out via telephone calls, personal visits, email, newsletters and cards and notes. We also urged all Egremonters to reach out to their older neighbors. You can make someone's day so much brighter with a phone call just to see how they're doing.

Our phone calls, newsletters, etc. to our older residents contain suggestions on how to stay in touch, resources that are available to them and ways they can keep busy and be entertained. Thanks to generous donors we have a supply of jig saw puzzles that are available for borrowing.

COA provides lists of volunteers who are willing to shop and take trash to the Transfer Station. We can also provide names of home health providers. The town has a supply of medical equipment which can be borrowed and which we deliver to those who need them. Many of our seniors have accessed these services.

Due the pandemic it was not possible for us to continue to hold monthly luncheons. Instead we have been doing "Grab 'N Go" lunches which are ordered ahead of time and are either picked up or delivered by a volunteer. Several local children made Valentine cards which we included with the February lunch. We plan to continue doing these lunches monthly until we can resume in person meals.

In June our "Grab 'N Go" was held at Indian Line Farm, thanks to Liz Keen. Lunch goers picked up their lunch and were also able to choose from a variety of plants to take home. This has become an annual event for COA and one we all appreciate and look forward to.

We were also able to hold our Birthday Celebration for residents turning 90 this year and all 90 plus residents. The event was held at French Park where social distancing was possible by spreading out the picnic tables on the lawn. Rep. Smitty Pignatelli presented certificates to those turning 90 and Erika Ludwig entertained us with music.

Longtime COA Board member Eve Goldberg passed away suddenly in the spring. Eve was a vital part of our board and we miss her contributions and enthusiasm.

Our Taxi Grant was renewed and is in effect until Dec. 31, 2021. This grant provides free rides for nonemergency medical appointments, essential shopping trips, transportation for essential workers, prescription drug and grocery deliveries, and to senior centers and senior day care



facilities. Rides need to be scheduled 24 hours in advance. Many of our seniors and disabled individuals have been able to use this service. We are optimistic that it will be renewed.

Working with the Board of Health, Juliette Haas and Public Health Nurse Jayne Smith we were able to assist many of our seniors in getting their Covid vaccines. The Taxi Grant was also able to provide rides to vaccine appointments.

In June, in cooperation with the Mt. Washing Council on Aging, we were able to hold our first intergenerational event at April Hill, home to Greenagers. A variety of workshops were offered including building bluebird houses, hiking some of the trails on the property and information on planting and harvesting crops. We hope to hold future workshops at this site.

We welcomed two new Board members this past year. Linda Warner, a long time Egremont, resident joined us as did Pamela Knowles who recently moved back to the Berkshires.

In cooperation with the Egremont Police Department and volunteers we continue to offer the "Good Morning, Senior" program to all who are interested. A great way to start the day and to ensure that you are safe. We work closely with the PD to assure our seniors residents are safe and looked after.

We were also able to continue to provide meal deliveries to vulnerable seniors thru the South County Food Access Coalition. Matt Kane was our delivery person for these weekly meals which were prepared by several local restaurants.

In person exercise and swimming classes were also put on hold because of the pandemic. We hope to resume exercise classes shortly via Zoom. .

Please remember your COA is here to assist you. Call us with your suggestions, questions , concerns or just to have a chat. 528-0182 x 16.

*Photos below by Peg Muskrat*



## EGREMONT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Egremont Emergency Management Team consisting of the Emergency Management Director, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Board of Health, Highway Superintendent and several other citizens, was busy during the year with COVID related matters. Although the Team could not meet for its usual monthly meetings it was able to communicate via telephone conference when necessary. Our main function was to coordinate information from Federal and State officials and various health agencies then disseminate the information to our residents. We were very successful in doing this as Egremont experienced very few COVID incidents. We would like to thank Massachusetts Emergency Agency for their diligence in their daily checks with us and providing Egremont with protective supplies to reduce the COVID risks.

The Town's emergency telephone alert system has been used for several calls regarding road closures, water main repairs, meeting announcements and other timely issues with good feedback. It is reviewed and updated monthly.

The TEEM continues to work closely with the Alford, Egremont, Great Barrington TRIAD to provide planning and information for senior citizens as well as those in our town with special needs.

We would also like to thank the Select Board, local and state Health Departments, Fairview Hospital, Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee, Egremont Fire, Police and Highway Departments for all your help in coordinating our efforts to keep Egremont healthy and safe

Respectfully submitted,

Edward G. McCormick

Emergency Management Director



*Sunrise over Prospect Lake. Photo by Lesli Alfin*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
JULY 1, 2020 through JUNE 30, 2021  
FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

The primary responsibility of the Finance Committee is to make recommendations to the Town on all financial matters, including proposed expenditures presented at town meeting.

At the 2020 annual town meeting, Egremont voters approved an operating budget of \$2,958,418 for the 7/1/2020-6/30/2021 fiscal year ("FY21"), an 8.8% increase over fiscal year 2019-2020 ("FY20"). Voters also approved the Town's share of the school district's operating, transportation and capital budgets, including bond repayments, which totaled \$1,704,531, a reduction of \$87,687, -4.6% from FY20. The reduction was due to a new method of assessment agreed to by the five member towns of the school district in the prior fiscal year. No new funds were required for the Mt. Washington Road engineering project for FY21. The Town's operating budget plus school budget for FY21 totaled \$4,662,949, an overall increase of 3.4% over FY20.

In addition to the line-item budget, voters also approved the following special articles totaling \$345,179, of which \$127,000 is to be funded from free cash, \$6,000 by a transfer from the cemetery sale of lots account and \$212,179 from taxes.

- \$14,279 for Southern Berkshire Ambulance
- \$20,000 to pay our fire chief
- \$10,000 to bring the Fire Department into compliance with OSHA laws
- \$3,400 for the pollinator garden
- \$14,500 to make repairs at French Park
- \$150,000 for town road repairs
- \$6,000 for repairs at town cemeteries
- \$117,000 for a town hall generator
- \$10,000 to the stabilization fund

Voters also approved the Water Department budget of \$242,356 (also a Special Article) to be paid from anticipated user fees of \$220,000 and a taxpayer subsidy of \$22,356. See "Water Department" below.

At a special town meeting held in October 2020, taxpayers approved the following articles totaling \$39,810, all to be raised via taxes:

- \$8,800 for the Transfer Station
- \$2,500 for an emergency back-up operator for our broadband network
- \$7,000 for planning and engineering of a new buildings and grounds garage
- \$8,250 for tree removal
- \$7,500 additional funding for public transport
- \$5,760 for a COVID compliance officer

Town operations comprise 25% of the Town's FY21 budget, and school costs comprise 36% of our budget. You can obtain a detailed review of the Town's FY21 budget by contacting the Office Administrator.

The "all in" town budget for FY21 , including operating costs, school operating and capital costs, bond repayments, Water Department budget and special articles, totals \$5,290,294. Our taxes are not based exclusively on that amount: In setting our tax rate, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (the "DOR") takes into account state aid and other revenue expected to be received by the Town, which reduces the budgeted amount required to be funded by taxes.

Our reserves as of June 30, 2020, totaled \$774,381. That includes \$130,999 reserved specifically to help alleviate retiree health insurance costs (the "GASB 45 fund") but does not include an annual reserve fund of \$25,000 to cover emergencies. For FY21, the Town's budget totaled \$5,290,294. Therefore, our reserve funds (free cash, stabilization fund and the GASB 45 Fund) comprised approximately 14.6% of our budget. That compares to an average of 10.3% in towns and cities in western Massachusetts. If the GASB 45 Fund is not included, our reserves total 12.2% of our budget.

## **TAXES**

The tax rate for FY21 was \$9.35 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, a decrease of 1.4% from the FY20 tax rate. We had more homes built and homes renovated, which increased our tax base.

Our real estate tax rate for the year is determined by the DOR in the fall by (1) adding our total budgeted expenditures approved at town meetings, including the line items and the financial impact of those special articles that are not paid out of free cash or the stabilization fund, any charges for the Water Department not subsidized in advance, snow and ice expenditures exceeding the budgeted amount, and certain other items, (2) subtracting anticipated receipts from fees and charges and monies paid to the Town by the state, and (3) spreading the resulting balance over the assessed valuation of all real estate and personal property in Town. Total town assessed valuation changes from year to year as new homes are built and renovations completed.

## **FY2021 BUDGET**

Our total budget for FY21 was \$5,290,294. After estimated fees, charges and other receipts, the Town needed to raise \$4,328,388 via taxes. Total assessed valuation of town property was \$462,929,198. To raise \$4,328,388, the tax rate was set at \$9.35 per thousand dollars of assessed value. Accordingly, property assessed at \$500,000 would receive a tax bill of \$4,675.

## **HUMAN COSTS, SALARIES, WAGES, FRINGE BENEFITS**

Salaries (including collective bargaining for both police and highway), wages, health benefits, pension and fringe benefits totaled \$1,814,014, a 7.5% increase over FY20. Personnel costs, salary and benefits compromise approximately 39% of our budget.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Police Department budget (including collective bargaining and the debt payment on the police facility) totaled \$468,377. Computer expenses, maintenance expenses for the station, insurance for the chief and employees (including insurance premiums included in Human Costs) totaled approximately \$155,000. When other incidentals are added, the fully-loaded budget for the Police Department amounts to over \$623,000. The Police Facility loan was paid off in FY21. We will need to purchase a new cruiser in FY22.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

The Highway Department budget (including collective bargaining) totaled \$594,604. Snow and Ice was over budget (originally \$70,000) by \$3,996. The snow and ice budget encompasses purchased material (salt and sand, etc.). Maintenance of all vehicles is included as a line item in the Highway Department's budget that allows more accurate tracking of the costs of vehicle maintenance.

## **WATER DEPARTMENT**

The Water Department's budget for FY21 totaled \$242,356. The Department expected receivables from users of \$220,000, with a taxpayer subsidy of \$22,356 to meet the remainder. The Department did not have any amount in retained earnings to use at the time of town meeting. A special article was previously approved at town meeting for \$45,000 for a corrosion control system (another taxpayer subsidy to the Water Department). Due to an accounting error, that amount will be part of retained earnings for the Water Department to be used in 2023. The Water Department principal loan balance of \$90,000 will be paid off in FY22.

## **FREE CASH/STABILIZATION ACCOUNTS**

In municipal accounting jargon, "free cash" is the total of funds not expended and revenues in excess of estimated receipts as of the end of a fiscal year. "Raise and appropriate" means money to be raised from real estate and personal property taxes. A "stabilization fund" accumulates amounts for capital and other future spending purposes that may be appropriated (for any lawful purpose) by a two-thirds vote at town meeting. Free cash and stabilization funds are types of "available funds" and are frequently appropriated to meet unforeseen expenses or capital expenditures, or for other one-time costs. "Reserve fund" is a fund to cover smaller unforeseen or unexpected expenses. Historically, the town has approved \$25,000 annually for its reserve fund. If something so catastrophic as to exceed available reserve funds

should arise, the Finance Committee believes a special town meeting would have to be called to deal with it.

Balances in reserve accounts after the annual town meeting were (a) free cash \$194,085, (b) stabilization fund \$412,432, (c) GASB 45 Fund \$130,999, (d) overlay surplus \$36,865 and (e) reserve fund \$25,000. Free cash was recertified in the fall of 2020 by the DOR. The DOR calculates where we spent less than budgeted and received more than expected, and combines those figures to determine free cash for use in the succeeding fiscal year. That amounted to \$586,928 for FY22.

On the liability side, the principal amount of the Town's outstanding debt totaled \$922,166 at June 30, 2021, comprised of \$735,500 for the Mt. Washington Road project, \$30,000 for the police facility and \$66,666 for the rescue vehicle.

In 2016, the annual town meeting authorized borrowing \$2,940,000 to apply toward the costs of building a broadband network to provide internet service to Egremonters. The Town received a grant that allowed the entire Town to be wired with no cost to the Town. Consequently, the borrowing resolution that was previously adopted will be rescinded at the next annual town meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

The Finance Committee for July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021

Laura Allen, Chair

Thomas Berkel, Secretary

Amy Pulver

Bryan Frank (part year)

Michael Bandzierz, Vice Chair (part year)

Frank Penglase



*Green River. Photo by Roxanne Gawthrop*

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

### *Roster*

Chief Joseph Schneider  
Deputy Chief James Olmsted  
Captain Jim Golden  
Captain David Guidi  
Lt. Roger Meyer  
Medical officer David Katzenstein  
Tom Sierau  
John H. Wells  
Gregory Peck  
Lane Farnum  
Ed Rossi  
Kevin Brown  
Kevin Wheeler  
Herman Trudeau Sr.  
Mark Hurwitz

The members of the Egremont Fire Department meet at least **every Tuesday night** for training, maintenance of equipment, and organizational meetings. We additionally train as a group with neighboring departments. A core group trains in rope rescue skills several times a month as well. We continually refresh our First Responder Medical training including the use of Naloxone, Epi Pens, and CPR/AED. In 2020 COVID-19 arrived upon us and changed our life's as first responders. We currently are keeping up to date on the ever changing COVID-19 protocols for first responders to keep ourselves, our families, and the community safe.

In February of 2019 Massachusetts became an OSHA state for Fire Departments. We have and continue to work on being compliant and up to standards for both OSHA and NFPA. Last year we added a new computer based training system called Fire Rescue One Academy to aid in our training to keep up with proper training requirements for OSHA and NFPA. This has been a great asset already it allowed us to keep training and not being together in person.

We had another very busy year. Answering just over 200 responses to calls in the fiscal year. This is the most calls EFD has ever answered in a year. Just as a little FYI, a lot of these calls last for multiple hours.

Our new Brush 7 vehicle was placed in service during March after its conversion from a rescue truck to a brush truck. The new Brush truck has been serving us and the community well. It has been a huge upgrade allowing us to take a much smaller, maneuverable truck off road and be more purposeful for its task at hand.

The Chief and two members took a very extensive 3 day RIT training class. RIT stands for rapid intervention team. Their purpose is to save one of us if happen to be trapped, lost, or hurt while in a building fire. This is a very specialized intense training. The Chief and one other member were also able to take a 3 day search technique class for locating victims inside a burning structure. Both of these classes were done with our neighboring departments.



We still occasionally encounter homes without clearly displayed 911 signs. THIS IS A BYLAW IN THE TOWN OF EGREMONT. PLEASE, PLEASE check to make sure your 911 sign is up and visible. When, or if we, ever get called to your home for an emergency, and seconds count, we want to be able to find you. We also encourage all homeowners, particularly those with reporting alarms, to purchase a KNOX BOX. KNOX BOXES eliminate the need for us to use forcible entry to gain access into your

home during an emergency situation when no one is available to let us in. Information regarding 911 signs and KNOX BOXES is available at Town Hall.

We are always looking for new recruits. Our department is aging out fast, We only have two members under 40 and the rest are 50-80 with a few going to retire very soon. We are looking for motivated, disciplined women and men. Firefighting is a challenging opportunity to serve your community. If you think that you have what it takes to be a firefighter, please join us any **Tuesday evening at 7pm**, at either Fire Station. We serve with pride.

We thank you for all of your continued support and we hope that we all have a safe year.

#### CALLS FOR PHYSICAL 2021

MEDICAL	93
MVA	9
SEARCH	5
RESCUE	4
STRUCTURE FIRE	11
CHIMNEY FIRE	0
VEHICLE FIRE	1
APPLIANCE FIRE	0
CO ALARM/GAS	3
SMOKE ALARM	3
FALSE ALARM/CALL	62
OUTSIDE FIRE	8
SERVICE CALL/OTHER	2
TREE WIRE POLE	11
CHIEF'S CALLS	0
HAZMAT	2
TOTAL CALLS	214



*(Forest Fire Truck - photo Joe Schneider)*



## EGREMONT GREEN COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2021

The increased demand on services as our population grows further encourages the Green Committee to pursue our vision. We will continue to encourage residents to recycle, to share items, upcycle and otherwise reuse what we have, and to reduce consumption. We will also continue our educational efforts related to environmental issues.

We encourage the town to use the American Rescue Plan and other funds to help mitigate impacts of climate change. For example we know that road, bridge and culvert maintenance will be increasingly challenging. In addition we hope that these funds can help support those who need financial assistance for housing and implementing energy efficiency.

Green Committee members initiated several new projects this past year:

Emily Eyre set up a used pill bottle collection site at town hall. To date almost 2,000 pill bottles have been kept out of Egremont's trash through this collection program. The bottles are included with medical supplies to countries in need and reused to hold prescription drugs.

Marj Wexler collaborated with Apparel Impact, an organization that distributes used clothing to those in need, to set up a bin at the transfer station. This bin supplements the small bin that we've had in the shed.

Emily coordinated with our local police department and published an article about the anti-idling law in Massachusetts. Working with Bonnie Greenwood and Mary Brazie, Emily had signs placed at the Egremont Free Library and across the street (Rt. 71) from the North Egremont general store where vehicles often idle. In the future, she hopes to receive and place signs at the North Egremont PMB and South Egremont Post Office that remind people not to leave cars idling in the parking areas.

New member Sharon Waskow and Emily have initiated an effort to encourage owners of local food establishments to reduce plastic and non recyclable waste.

Last month several Green Committee members attended a zoom meeting with Environmental Committee members from Sheffield and Lee. We look forward to continuing the exchange of ideas and supporting each other's work.

As part of our ongoing effort to educate and publicize opportunities for energy conservation and sustainable living, members have continued to publish articles in the Berkshire Edge. We also

enjoy providing the Eco-Tips for Egremont's Town Newsletter and communicating with residents via the Egremont post Google group.

The Egremont Recycles Day was again cancelled due to Covid 19. However we did invite Egremonters to select a street where they could pick up litter while on daily walks. This year 42 miles were covered in the cleanup by about 100 volunteers.

With the leadership of Egremont resident Barbara Kalish, the Green Committee held the "Catch the Rain" Rain Barrel Sale to encourage water conservation. The sale was extremely successful, selling 80 rain barrels to Egremont residents at a discount of 40% through a program with The Great American Rain Barrel Company.

This past year the Green Committee welcomed new member Sharon Waskow, and a regular guest volunteer, Bonnie Greenwood. Both have contributed greatly to our efforts.

In conclusion, our plans for next year are to continue current projects, increase educational efforts regarding environmental and recycling issues, and increase our collaboration with other Berkshire towns.



*Rain Barrel volunteers - Green Committee project.  
Photos by Lissa Margulies*



## **Egremont Board of Health (EBOH)**

Charles Ogden, Chairman  
Dr. William Rose  
Ellen Maggio

The EBOH continued to address the many challenges related to the COVID-19 viral pandemic during the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

In March of 2020 Massachusetts Governor Baker declared a COVID Emergency Order which listed sector specific closures, occupancy, and distancing mandates throughout the Commonwealth. Travel was limited, public events were cancelled and gatherings outside of a household "pod" were discouraged to prevent the risk of infection and curtail the spread. With these safety procedures in place, Egremont had a relatively low incidence of positive COVID cases. Sixteen cumulative cases were reported. Our Alliance Public Health nurses performed contact tracing which included guidance on isolation and quarantine and investigation and follow through on possible exposures.

In late December of 2020 the FDA approved COVID vaccines and an eligibility priority schedule was developed by the state beginning with the most-at-risk. First in line were first responders, health care workers and those living and working in conjugate care facilities. Seniors and those with compromised immune systems were next. The vaccine roll-out was challenging at first due to the limited supply and high demand of the vaccine. The EBOH partnered with the Egremont Council on Aging and provided one-on-one assistance to many of our residents to secure vaccination appointments and assist with the on-line registration portal. The EBOH delivered frequent messages to the community during this period providing COVID vaccine eligibility updates and information on area public clinics and registration openings.

With the success of the vaccine and subsequent statewide decline in infection rates, Governor Baker removed the Emergency Order in late May of 2021. Businesses and schools reopened, and infection rates remained low until late summer 2021.

COVID migration caused a tremendous housing demand which resulted in an increase in Title 5 related field work. The EBOH witnessed 35 Title 5 inspections and 28 perc tests during this period and took in close to \$25,000 in permit fees. Housing sales and transfers led to an increase in the administrative workload at the department which led to additional office coverage to address the needs of Egremont's growing base population.

Respectfully submitted,  
Juliette Haas  
Director

## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

The Highway Department performed the annual grading and graveling of unpaved roads. Roadside drainage ditches were cleared and catch basins cleaned out. Storm clean-up of trees and branches was completed throughout the year. Roadside mowing and brush cutting along with weed trimming was also performed. Damaged or missing street signs were repaired or replaced. Line painting of roads was completed. Potholes were patched and blacktopped. Maintenance and repair of equipment was performed.

During the Winter months the roads were plowed, sanded and salted during and after each storm.

Creamery and Rowe Roads were paved. Total cost of these projects was \$175,000. Crack sealing was completed on Oxbow, Baldwin Hill Road West and Baldwin Hill Road South.

The Highway Department would like to thank all those who assisted the Department this year, including the Board of Selectmen, the Fire Department, the Police Department, Town Hall office personnel, the Maintenance Department and numerous contractors. Thank you all for your hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

James Noe  
Egremont Highway Superintendent



*Photo of at the 2021 Memorial Day Parade.  
George Blanco in Ray Palmucci's car serving as Grand Marshal.  
Photo by Mary.*

**Egremont Historical Commission Annual Report**  
July 2020 – June 2021

Serving on the Egremont Historical Commission this year, our members include Rebecca Turner; Chair, Bill Wood, Abigail Rogers-McKee, Barbara Kalish, Stephen Piersanti, and Douglas Cooper.

The summer of 2020 was a continuation of virtual meetings and trying to coordinate projects remotely. The town's 245<sup>th</sup> birthday party was no exception. Through the joint efforts of Barbara Kalish, leading the birthday committee, and the Selectboard, a virtual event was filmed at the Egremont Barn and posted on YouTube. Along with honoring those who retired in service to our community, we celebrated with a reading by James Warwick accompanied by Gigi and Tom Teely, the poetry of our own Stanley Farnum read by Heather Atwood, and the singing of 'The Egremont Ballad' written and performed by Doug Mishkin. Unprecedented circumstances created this opportunity for a new way of celebrating our town in a format that could be enjoyed by all and can be rewatched for years to come.

Much of our work this year was the continued review of the plans for the upgrade of Route 23 (Main Street) in the South Village. Commission members worked closely with the Selectboard and Mass DOT to ensure that the project maintains our village's historic character through the use of design, materials and lighting. After many meetings and lots of discussion, in May we submitted our final letter in support of the project to the DOT and the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

During the spring of 2021, more time was able to be spent in the Academy Building and a lot of progress was made in reorganizing and cleaning in the archives. A literal weight was lifted as we were able to re-home many of the over 1,000 law books that were part of the collection. Doing this allowed us to bring out more of our items that were not previously displayed, as well as accept new items into the collection. We were excited to receive many of the historical documents and memorabilia from the South Egremont Congregational Church, including the baptismal font and communion set.

Another project completed this year was round 4 of the MACRIS updates. MACRIS is short for 'Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System' which is an online database that allows someone to search for information on historic properties and areas throughout the Commonwealth. In the 1980s and into the 90s, the Commission documented 226 historic buildings and properties in our town. Since 2015, we have been updating these forms with Larson Fisher Associates to provide expanded historical and architectural documentation. All of these inventory forms, both original and updated, are available either online or in our archive.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rebecca Turner, Chair



*South Egremont Congregational Church – A cow raised for the Heifer Project by Turner Farms in the 1970s*



## LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2021

In 2021, the library continued to provide vital library services during the COVID19 pandemic. Circulation of library items went up significantly for the year; up 40 percent compared to 2019. Browsing in person in the library was suspended from January 19 to May 1<sup>st</sup>. “Curb-side” pick-up was offered during this time and allowed patrons to borrow books from Egremont and from libraries across the CW MARS system. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Lesliann Furcht, our librarian, welcomed patrons back into the library to browse. During 2021, 25 new patrons joined the library. Egremont Free Library saw an increase in academic book requests for many children attending school virtually or for children who are home schooled. The Massachusetts Library System offers a service to find books anywhere in the country. The service, mediated library loan, is an incredible way to bring academic books or other hard-to-find books to our Egremont patrons.

In early summer, many area museums opened their doors to visitors. Egremont Free Library offered museum passes to Berkshire Museum, Hancock Shaker Village, Norman Rockwell Museum, The Clark, Berkshire Botanical Gardens, Mass MoCA and Chesterwood.

The library continues to host a non-fiction book club. We are up to 18 members in the non-fiction book club. Books read included, *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu* by Joshua Hammer; *The Daughters of Yalta: The Churchills, Roosevelts, and Harrimans: A Story of Love and War* by Catherine Grace Katz, *Our Towns: A 100,000-Mile Journey Into the Heart of America* by James M. Fallows, Deborah Fallows and *How to Be an Anti-Racist* by Ibram X. Kendi.

Thanks to FiberConnect, the library enjoys lightening speed wi-fi internet service. Many people use the Library's connection, which is accessible 24/7. This proved useful to many who either do not have service at their home or need a faster connection.

Membership to the Central Western Massachusetts Automated Sharing network (CW MARS) continues to be an invaluable way for patrons to borrow items from EFL and libraries throughout the state.

All are welcome to visit Egremont Free Library during library hours Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD  
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Current Board:

Jared Kelly, Chair; Eddie Regendahl, Vice Chair; Stephen Lyle, Clerk; Matthew Bersani, Treasurer; Mary McGurn, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission representative.

In May 2021, Stephen Lyle replaced Donna Bersch as Clerk. We thank Donna for her service to the Planning Board.

Division of Land: The Planning Board endorsed several Form A applications.

Special Permits, Common Driveway Applications: None

Accessory Dwelling Units: The Planning Board drafted a proposed ADU bylaw, held a public hearing on September 17, 2020 to discuss the proposed bylaw with the town, and presented the bylaw to the town at the Annual Town Meeting on October 15, 2020. The town overwhelmingly voted in favor of adopting the bylaw. The bylaw has since been approved by the Attorney General's office.

Recreational Marijuana - Agriculture: The Planning Board drafted and proposed a zoning bylaw amendment to exclude the cultivation of marijuana from the types of agriculture permitted by right in Egremont. A public hearing was held on May 18, 2021, concerning the proposed amendment.

Recreational Marijuana - Marijuana Establishments: The Planning Board drafted a proposed bylaw regulating various types of marijuana establishments in Egremont, held many meetings focused on bylaw options, and held an informational meeting with the town.

Future bylaw proposals: The Planning Board initiated discussions regarding potential future bylaw amendments, including: defining "structure," revising the town zoning map, and delineating types of businesses allowed in Egremont.



## Bob Krupski Plumbing, Inc.

-Licensed Master Plumber — License# 10391

Oil Burner Technician—License # 022053

Plumbing Inspector limits of:

Alford - Egremont

Monterey - Mt. Washington

New Marlborough

Sheffield

(413) 229-8019 Great Barrington

November 17, 2021

RE: Town of Egremont    Annual Report    July 2020 – June 2021

This department issued 47 plumbing permits and conducted 83 on-site inspections. A total of 4,980.00 in fees were collected.

Gas:

This department issued 6 permits and conducted 6 on-site inspections. A total of \$360.00 in fees were collected.

Sincerely,



Robert Krupski  
Plumbing Inspector

## EGREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Honorable Select Board and Citizens of Egremont

On behalf of the police officers and staff of the Egremont Police Department I am pleased to submit to you the following annual report for the fiscal year of 2021. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the department as it relates to our mission and goals.

The department provides law enforcement services 24/7, 365 days a year. Our current staffing consists of the following personnel:

Full Time Officers	Part Time Officers	Administrative Secretary
Hans Carlson	Joseph Pravia	Brittany Walsh
Maximilian Kolb		
Matthew O'Sullivan		
Joseph Kozlowski		

Our primary objective is crime prevention and the protection of life and property for all that visit, work, and live in Egremont. Our services are rendered with a high level of customer service and professionalism. We place a strong emphasis on being a part of the community and getting to know those that call Egremont home.

Officers assist with traffic control at the beginning and end of each school day to ensure the safety of the students, teachers, and parents.

Officer Carlson safely crossing the students at South Egremont School





Brittany Walsh, Administrative Secretary, was hired late February of 2020. She was born and raised in Great Barrington, MA. As a recent graduate of Elms College where she studied criminal justice and participated in a two-year internship at the Springfield Parole Office. Brittany enjoys running, good food, and socializing with friends.

#### ADDITIONAL SERVICES

We offer a secure drop box for unused/expired medication. The drop box is located in the lobby of the PD and accessible 24/7. We provide house checks and construction site security checks. If you are going to be away from your residence or have a construction site that you would like us to routinely check this is the ideal service. For further details or questions please contact the PD at 528-2160.

#### CRIME STATISTICS

Category	Total
Assault	7
Larceny	10
Operating Under the Influence of alcohol/drugs	13
Drug/Narcotic violations	10
Total Criminal Offenses	212
Felonies	17

**Traffic Citations Issued Total 505**

## CONCLUSION

I would like to thank the members of the department for their continued dedication and commitment to the town of Egremont. The support we receive from the community continues to amaze me and it does not go unnoticed.

Respectfully,

Jason La Forest

Chief of Police

Egremont Police Department



*Full-time Police Officer Max Kolb reading to students  
at the South Egremont School.*

## REPORT OF THE SELECTBOARD

The year 201 was book ended by the COVID-19 pandemic. Abating in the first half of the year due to Egremont's high vaccination rates, the COVID-19 variant hit the unvaccinated with a vengeance. The Town received funding through CARES to pay for its COVID related expenses. Town Hall was closed to the public during the height of the pandemic, though all employees went to work each day. Town Hall is currently open to the public with the requirement for masks and social distancing.

The Town has now received American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. ARPA allows wide latitude in the use of the funds, within four eligible categories:

- 1) To respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or to its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or to aid impacted industries, like hospitality, travel, and tourism
- 2) To provide premium pay to essential workers
- 3) For the provision of government services and to make up for municipal revenue loss due to the pandemic, during the last full fiscal year
- 4) To invest in water, sewer/stormwater, and broadband infrastructure .

The Town was awarded three very important grants this year. The Town is in its third year of the Community Development Block Grant, Housing Rehab, grant program. A \$1.3 million grant that Egremont shares with Great Barrington and Sandisfield. This grant awards funds to low income property owners to make necessary repairs to their homes.

Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) grant was awarded in the amount of \$40,000 municipal climate resilience grant to identify key climate-related hazards, develop adaptive actions, update Egremont's current Hazard Mitigation Plan to include climate resiliency, and prioritize actions and apply for MVP Action Grants. Public input will be sought in the near future.

Two grant awards, in the amount of \$30,000 each, were awarded under the Commonwealth's Community Compact Best Practices grant. The Town will use these two awards to updates its Master Plan and it Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Town has two years to complete these updates.

Egremont's one retail marijuana shop has yet to open its doors. At the June Annual Town Meeting voters approved a ban on the following retail marijuana establishments; cultivator, craft cooperative, transporter, delivery operator, and product manufacturer. Voters also limited the number of retailers allowed to 10% of the number of licenses issued for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages, which amounts to 1 retail marijuana license. At the same meeting voters approved an amendment to the zoning bylaws excluding the growing, cultivating, distribution, testing or dispensation of marijuana as a "by right" use.

Town meeting voted to approve funds to make necessary repairs to the Egremont Library. Work is planned to begin in the fall of 2021. This work will include extensive foundation stabilization work. The Library will be closed during much of the work. Library services will continue to function remotely during the renovations.

The Regional School Planning Committee continues its work to consider the possible consolidation and/or collaboration of the Southern Berkshire and Berkshire Hills Regional School Districts. The Committee has established a web page at [www.8towns.org](http://www.8towns.org) where you can complete a survey and read all the current data. Chairman McGurn continues to chair the Operations Subcommittee.

MassDOT is currently reviewing the Mount Washington Road 25% Design package, which was submitted in August. Comments are due back to the engineers November, 2021. In the meantime the engineers have been coordinating with the MassDOT Environmental Section and the District Utility Engineer (DUCE). Site walks were carried out in October. Following MassDOT's review of the 25% Submission, the engineering firm will prepare responses to comments in advance of the Design Public Hearing. The Design Public Hearing is anticipated for sometime during the winter of 2021-2022. Following the Design Public Hearing, the engineers will complete the 75% Design Submission (estimated July 2022).

The 100% design plans for the Route 23/41 reconstruction project are nearing completion and will be submitted to MassDOT soon. Construction will begin in March of 2022 and end in November of 2022. The Selectboard met frequently with MassDOT and its engineers during the COVID lockdown. The Board was able to negotiate the inclusion of a new lighting plan with MassDOT. The current overhead National Grid lights will be replaced with lights that are aesthetically correct for our small historic village.

The Town's Housing Committee is working diligently on a plan to utilize the town land set aside for Affordable Housing. S&K Design has been contracted to do a site survey and determination of how many units could be constructed on the 6.1 acre parcel. Following that report and the Committee's recommendation the Selectboard will be able to issue a detailed request for proposals to organizations who might be interested in developing the site.

The Board continues to be thankful for the Town's officials, board/committee members and employees for their team efforts to make Egremont the well run civic undertaking that is a source of great local pride. Egremont continued to provide essential services during the pandemic thanks to the efforts of town employees and its several Boards, Commissions and Committee. This Selectboard remains deeply appreciative of their efforts.

Board of Selectmen  
George McGurn, Chair  
Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen, Vice-Chair  
Mary Brazie

Report of the Tax Collector  
July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Trust Funds

Expendable

Conservation		\$11,677.89	
F. Boice Memorial Int		\$701.90	
PPC - intererst		\$2,489.32	
French Park Trust		\$6,822.33	
GASB 45 Retirement Fund		\$139,224.46	
Hillside Cemetery - PC		\$29,275.28	
Hillside - Sale Lots		\$3,765.59	
Stabilization fund		\$416,649.89	
			\$610,606.66

Unexpendable

F. Boice Memorial	Principal	\$10,000.00	
Perpetual Care	Principal	\$54,951.10	
			\$64,951.10

General Funds

\$1,791,511.67

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Funk  
Treasurer-Tax Collector



**Egremont Technology Committee  
Annual Report  
for FY 2021  
(July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021)**

***Technology Committee***

The Egremont Technology Committee (TC) was formed in August 2015 by vote of the Egremont Board of Selectmen (BOS) for the purpose of determining options, evaluating proposals, and recommending solutions to meet the high-speed broadband networking needs of the Town. Originally comprising seven members, the TC as a whole disbanded in April 2019 when the BOS accepted a proposal from Fiber Connect (FC) to extend its existing network to unserved areas of the Town. Instead, the BOS appointed the TC co-chairs, Egremont residents Jeff Lazarus and Rolfe Tessem, and Select Board member Lucinda Vermuelen to be the negotiating team for an agreement with FC.

***Earlier key milestones leading up to the start of FY 2021***

In January 2020 the Town had reached verbal agreement with FC on a construction and network services contract to build out and operate high-speed fiber optic broadband service in the remaining unserved areas of Egremont. The Town-FC agreement covers the general requirements of a public procurement along with specifics about coverage area, technology, customer service, pricing, and other terms.

However, FC would not sign off on the agreement until they had also reached agreement with the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) on the grant award agreement that would cover the cost of this buildout along with other terms such as progress payment schedule, certification of milestone completion, and the like. At last, the Town received notice in May 2020 that MBI and FC has approved a "Term Sheet" outlining the broad terms of the grant agreement, with details to be worked out. This was a significant breakthrough, and the Town was assured that the MBI-FC agreement would be finalized shortly.

And so, we entered the FY 2021 year on July 1, 2020, with a verbal agreement with FC and an expectation that a grant award agreement between MBI and FC was around the corner, which would pave the way for completion of broadband network infrastructure to the entire Town of Egremont. Note that at the start of FY 2021, FC already "passed" nearly 90% of residential dwellings in Egremont ("FC coverage area"), leaving approximately 90 remaining residential properties in the unserved areas. About 60% of households in the FC coverage area had actually subscribed to the service. Please see Appendix A for a more complete history of the Technology Committee and the Town's efforts to achieve high-speed Internet service for all residents of Egremont.

***FY 2021 year in review (July 2020 through June 2021)***

Bringing the MBI-FC negotiations to a conclusion. On Friday, September 18, 2020, FC and MBI each separately informed the Town that they had resolved a number of the open issues in their negotiation of the MBI Grant Award Agreement and that they believed the few remaining issues would be overcome "with a little creativity." The Town is not a party to the MBI-FC award agreement, but completion of this agreement was a prerequisite for FC to sign the separate Town agreement.

We also learned that MBI and FC had decided that a single state contract would cover the state grant awards for FC's buildouts in both Egremont and Monterey. This added a complication for Egremont because it meant that the separate FC-Egremont and FC-Monterey construction and network services contracts would have to be substantially identical. Accordingly, because Egremont had already negotiated an FC-Town contract with FC, we offered our draft to Monterey. In a series of three-way discussions among Egremont, Monterey, and FC, we reached mutual agreement on the final terms of



the two FC-Town agreements during the fall. The Egremont Select Board approved the revised FC-Egremont agreement on December 15, 2020, and the Monterey Select Board approved their contract with FC on December 23, 2020.

Still, FC would not sign the agreements until they had also finalized their grant award agreement with MBI. On numerous occasions through the winter, the Town urged MBI and FC to speed up their discussions and make final resolution a top priority. During this period, MBI requested additional information from both Egremont and Monterey, including certification of residential property counts so that an accurate calculation of "take-rates" could be made. "Take-rate" is the percentage of households that choose to subscribe to FC's Internet services. The FC-MBI Agreement requires a take-rate of at least 51% in each town in order for FC to qualify for the state subsidy. In Egremont, the take-rate was already well in excess of 60%, and Monterey was able to demonstrate a projected take-rate above 51%, counting existing subscribers plus sign-ups for service pending buildout of their remaining network infrastructure.

At last, on April 14, 2021, MBI and FC signed their grant award agreement. Both towns quickly followed up to get FC to sign their respective FC-Town agreements. On April 26, 2021, Egremont Select Board members George McGurn, Mary Brazie, and Lucinda Vermuelen, and Fiber Connect CEO Adam Chait signed the FC-Egremont *Broadband Fiber Network Construction and Operation Services Agreement*.

Wrapping up remaining details. With final agreements among all parties in place, FC promptly submitted applications to National Grid and Verizon for utility pole licenses to allow FC to hang their cables. These license applications require the utility companies to survey each pole and perform "make-ready" work to prepare for the attachment of FC's cables.

If a pole already meets all codes and regulations, and has the capacity to accommodate the additional cables, there may be no (or only minimal) make-ready work for that pole. On the other hand, poles that are out of code compliance—or that would be rendered non-compliant if additional cables were attached—have to be restructured or replaced. FC bears the cost of the make-ready work and must pay upfront before the utilities will schedule the work. Sometimes there is disagreement about the estimates, and a period of negotiation between FC and the utilities ensues. The timeline for make-ready work itself is controlled entirely by the utility companies and is typically six months or more, sometimes much more. All this taken together means that timing for make-ready work is unpredictable, and it is outside the control of either FC or the Town. Once make-ready is complete, the construction itself is fairly quick and straightforward, and FC "lights up" new subscribers as they proceed. The Town is not a party to, and has no control over, any of the arrangements or timing of make-ready work.

Meanwhile, the Town expressed its commitment to facilitate or otherwise help in any reasonable way within its authority to expedite progress toward completion of the buildout. In this spirit, the Town has in all cases quickly approved FC's Grant of Location applications for new pole placements and for cable attachments on existing poles along Town rights of way. For another example, even though the Town has no jurisdiction, authority, or official role in the matter, we offered to help facilitate FC's application for state permits in areas where their cables have to cross through state conservation lands for access to residents in the Brookvale/Hilltop neighborhood.

One other requirement of the FC-Egremont agreement is that FC establish a Low-Income Subsidy program for qualifying households that could not otherwise afford Internet service. Both FC and the Town undertook research to establish what the eligibility criteria should be and to propose an application process that would not be too burdensome either for applicants or for FC, which would have to administer the program. Note: After the end of the reporting year covered by this report, in October 2021, agreement was reached and a program established for FC to offer a 50% discount on installation and on monthly service charges to households that also participate in certain other government assistance programs.

FC promotional discount for all residents. In recognition of the signing of the FC-Egremont agreement, FC generously offered a 50% promotional discount on installation charges to all Egremont

residents regardless of location within the Town—even locations already cabled. The promotion ran for 6 months, from the date of signing (April 26, 2021) through October 31, 2021. The discount was extended beyond October 31 for any residents in the unserved areas who signed up prior to construction passing their homes even if such construction were to take place after October 31. The published FC residential installation charge at the time was \$999; the promotional charge was \$499.

Discussions with Holyoke Gas & Electric for emergency backup service. One of the provisions in the FC-Town agreement covers a fallback plan in the event that FC terminates its business in Egremont, whether voluntarily or involuntarily. The goal is to ensure ongoing Internet service with as little interruption as possible. HG&E is a qualified network operator that already works with FC and certain other ISPs to provide some of the behind-the-scenes network services. HG&E submitted a draft proposal to provide backup operation should we ever need it. The Town reviewed and commented on this proposal, and as of the end of the reporting year, we are awaiting further response from HG&E.

### ***Looking ahead***

As the utility companies complete their make-ready work, FC will continue to build out the fiber optic cable infrastructure and “light up” new subscribers along the way. Timing of this depends on the utility companies’ scheduling of the work, as well as processing of permit applications, and of course the weather. But given the progress to date, and the evident commitment of everyone involved, we are hopeful that near-100% Internet service coverage in Egremont will be achieved by summer 2022.



*Photo town and state officials with Fiber Connect.  
Photo by Mary McGurn.*

**Appendix A  
Background and History  
of the Egremont Technology Committee  
and the Town's Efforts To Bring High-Speed Internet  
to All Residents**

Early background. For several years before formation of the Technology Committee, the Town had engaged in significant broadband planning work, primarily through its participation in WiredWest, a consortium of western Massachusetts towns investigating a regional approach. Egremont residents Jonathan Taylor and John Wells represented Egremont in these discussions for many years. Unfortunately, the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI, an agency of the Commonwealth) reversed its support for the WiredWest effort in 2015, which was eventually abandoned.

In anticipation of the possibility that Egremont might have to proceed independently on its own, Town residents authorized borrowing up to \$2,940,000 at Town Meeting on May 5, 2015:

Motion made and seconded to have the Town appropriate \$2,940,000.00 for the Town's share of the costs of construction and installation of a high-speed broadband network, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, such project to be carried out by the Town's Municipal Light Plant; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to \$2,940,000.00 under Chapter 44, section 8(8) of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to accept grants to carry out this project; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project. Secret Ballot and 2/3 majority vote required. Motion carried by a vote of 208 Yes to 9 No.

In summer 2015 the Town received two unsolicited proposals from private companies to build and operate private broadband networks in the Town. These proposals were the catalyst for formation of the Technology Committee. The TC reviewed these proposals and met with the vendors during fall 2015. In the end, the TC recommended that the Town dismiss these proposals and instead pursue an independent approach, similar to several other towns such as Alford, Otis, Mt. Washington, and others. Accordingly, the Town issued a Request for Proposals for network design, engineering, consulting, and project management in May 2016. This was to be followed by an RFP for construction, and then a final RFP for network operation and maintenance.

There were four RFP bidders, but in July 2016 on recommendation of the TC, the BOS voted instead to engage with the MBI for management of the broadband project. Under their "Municipal Project Assistance Program," MBI was to vet and supervise contractors for pole survey, design/engineering, and construction of a Town-owned municipal broadband network. Through a subcontractor, MBI conducted the pole survey work during fall 2016. But then in January 2017, MBI abruptly abandoned their Municipal Project Assistance Program, a setback for the Town. Instead, MBI offered a new "Private Provider" program through which they contracted with Charter Communications to provide a conventional cable TV system with internet and telephone options. On April 10, 2017, the Select Board voted to accept this program. In June 2017, MBI finalized a contract with Charter, which included a state grant of \$1,185,000 to Charter as an inducement for the Egremont buildout.

After more than a year of missed deadlines and lack of follow-through, in October 2018 Charter reneged on its offer to build a network in Egremont by demanding an additional \$1.2 million over and above the original grant amount, which, in a cost-sharing arrangement mandated by MBI, would have required the Town to contribute an unplanned \$607,500. Meanwhile, by that time FC was well along in its private, independent buildout of a high-speed fiber optic network, then covering about 70% of Egremont.

When the Charter plan fell through, the BOS instructed the Technology Committee to prepare a Request for Proposals (RFP), consistent with Massachusetts public procurement law, to identify a vendor to complete the network build out to all parts of Egremont not already covered by the existing

FC infrastructure. The TC developed an RFP that allowed for proposals that would provide network service to the entire Town (duplicating service where FC had already built out) or, at the bidder's option, just the unserved areas. The Town issued the RFP on December 12, 2018, with proposals due by January 31, 2019.

Only FC submitted a proposal. Over the ensuing weeks, the TC worked with FC to resolve numerous open questions. With a few remaining reservations, the TC was generally satisfied with FC's construction and service proposal, and on March 18, 2019 the TC submitted a written recommendation to the BOS. At their meeting on April 3, 2019, the BOS accepted the Committee's recommendation.

Town-FC agreement. At its April 3, 2019 meeting, the Egremont BOS authorized TC co-chairs Jeff Lazarus and Rolfe Tessem to begin negotiations with FC and to follow up with them on the open issues. Shortly after that, Lucinda Vermeulen joined the negotiating team, representing the Egremont Select Board. The process began by consulting with Town Counsel and with MBI to clarify legal requirements and requirements for the state grant. In early May 2019, the Town entered into direct negotiations with Fiber Connect. In separate sessions, the team met with Adam Chait of FC to go over key points to be included in the agreement; with Town Counsel attorneys Jeremia Pollard and Richard Vinette to lay out a plan for drafting the agreement; and with Michael Baldino of MBI to go over state requirements and recommendations as to provisions that needed to be included in the Town-FC agreement.

In parallel, the Town was engaged in negotiations with FC and MBI on a customized version of the MBI "Action Plan," which was a three-way agreement that laid out the process for MBI to qualify and approve FC for the state grant award of \$1,070,000 toward the cost of the fiber optic infrastructure buildout in the unserved areas of Egremont. All three parties signed off on the agreement effective July 17, 2019.

During late summer the negotiating team worked with Town Counsel on a first draft of the Town-FC agreement. This contract covered network construction in the unserved areas of Egremont as well as operation of the network once buildout would be completed. The contract included provisions relating to buildout costs and payments, network technology and reliability requirements, Town protection in the event of FC default or business termination, subscriber services and pricing (including pricing for low-income subscribers), among others.

At a Special Town Meeting on September 17, 2019, residents voted to authorize the Egremont BOS to enter into an agreement with Fiber Connect LLC with a term of up to 15 years for broadband service. The Egremont Select Board approved key provisions of the proposed contract at their meeting on September 24, and Town Counsel sent the initial draft of the contract to FC on October 11. The negotiating team proceeded to talk with FC to resolve a number of open issues and questions.

Talks with FC continued through the fall, with several iterations of a draft agreement. By November 2019 we had reached agreement in principle, with a few details remaining to be worked out. Talks concluded with verbal agreement by FC and the Town on a final draft dated January 8, 2020. This draft was reviewed and approved by Town Counsel and formally approved by the Egremont BOS, ready for signature. However, FC declined to sign the agreement before reaching their separate agreement with MBI on the state grant award agreement. FC was concerned that something might come up in the MBI negotiations that would be incompatible with the terms of the Town agreement, and they did not want to be locked in until all provisions were settled.

At last, the Town received notice on May 14, 2020 that MBI and FC had approved a "Term Sheet" outlining the broad terms of the grant agreement, with details to be worked out. This was a significant breakthrough, and the Town was assured that the MBI-FC agreement would be finalized shortly.

Special circumstances in Egremont. Early on the Town had identified five roads in the unserved area of Egremont for which network service would present special challenges due to underground utilities or access rights. The FC contract covered aerial fiber optic cabling in all unserved areas—including roads with existing underground utility service, where FC would install utility poles as part of their

buildout within the scope and pricing of their proposal. However, property owners on the UG roads also had the option of arranging for underground installation of network cabling at their own expense. In June 2019, just prior to the close of FY 2019, the Town worked with residents on these roads to help them consider their options.

In July and August 2019, the Town and the affected residents resolved the issues as follows: Property owners on Farm Lane and Miller View Road contracted with FC privately for buildout to their own specifications, at their own expense. Owners on Hickory Hill Road and Brookvale/Hilltop elected to obtain service as part of the Town-FC network extension project using aerial cabling. Owners on Whites Hill Road (where there is roadway access only through Alford) elected to obtain service through the Alfordlink network.

FC-MBI agreement. At the same time that the Town was working with FC on the Town-FC agreement, FC proceeded with their application for the state grant. FC submitted their preliminary financial statements and other required information to MBI on September 4, 2019. Their application was for a "direct progress payment" grant. The Town was not a party to the FC-MBI negotiations although we regularly monitored their progress and supplied information when requested, such as certified counts of residential dwellings, for example.

The FC-MBI grant award agreement covers the state's payment to FC for construction of the network, with provisions designed to protect the investment of public funds and ensure that taxpayers get their monies' worth. Some of the requirements deal with issues such as criteria for determining when the project is satisfactorily complete, when and under what conditions payment will be made to FC, how the state and the Town are protected if FC goes out of business or wants to sell itself to another Internet service provider, and so on.

FC-MBI negotiations dragged on for many months. The Town repeatedly urged them to resolve their differences and come to agreement. At various times, the Town appealed to our state representatives and to the Governor's office to intervene. At last, on May 14, 2020, the Town received notice that MBI and their two Boards of Directors had approved a "Term Sheet" outlining the broad terms of an agreement, with details to be worked out. This was a significant breakthrough although FC and MBI still had to negotiate final details of the grant award agreement.

Emergency backup service. One of the requirements for Internet service that the Town laid out early on is that there be a fallback plan in the event that FC terminates its business in Egremont, whether voluntarily or involuntarily. The goal is to ensure ongoing Internet service with as little interruption as possible. Accordingly, the Town-FC agreement includes provisions for the Town to take over the physical network infrastructure from FC under certain extraordinary conditions. The other necessary element would be an Internet Service Provider (ISP) ready to step in to pick up operations.

Early in 2020 the Town reached out to Holyoke Gas & Electric, which has an Internet services division, and which already works with FC and certain other ISPs to provide behind-the-scenes network services. The Town is exploring how HG&E might be able to serve as a backup operator should the need ever arise. HG&E submitted a draft proposal to provide backup operations, and these discussions were ongoing as of the end of FY 2020.

## **REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

There were three elections in the time period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021: a state primary in September, a presidential election in November (Biden vs. Trump) and a local election in May. The first two were held during the height of the COVID pandemic which resulted in a large increase in requests for absentee and early ballots. The Massachusetts Secretary of State's Office skillfully created ways to ease access to voting by mail which alleviated the many fears voters had for safe, secure, and accurate elections. As a result, Egremont had an 88% turnout for the November Presidential Election. The town's election workers performed exceedingly well under the pressures of the heavy turnout and the additional work resulting from the increased demand of absentee and early voting.

### **Births Recorded July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021**

Born to Kimberly Lynn Lawson & William Graham Lillard, a daughter, Blake Elizabeth Lillard  
Born to Kaitlyn Lindsay Weiss & John Gordon Gauld, a daughter, Guinevere Winter Lily Gauld

### **Marriages Recorded July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021**

Gil Adler to Leah Fanya Barak, September 13, 2021  
Jenny Jo Rubin to Nicholas Patrick Kenne, September 12, 2021  
Stephen Vincent Piersanti to Colin Jeffrey Morris, February 28, 2021

### **Deaths Recorded July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021**

Gail Hennessey, July 29, 2020, 73  
Henry Dodge Granger, November 2, 2020, 83  
Jean Weigle, December 31, 2020, 93  
James M. Lamme III, February 18, 2021, 74  
Gerhard Becker, February 26, 2021, 85  
Kathleen Neeves, May 13, 2021, 86  
Teresa R. Lamb, May 14, 2021, 83  
Frank X. Frecentese, May 25, 2021, 99  
Jerome Hellman, May 26, 2021, 92  
Alice May Byrne, June 5, 2021, 88  
Willard R. Platt, Jr., June 19, 2021, 92  
Andrea Jean Montondo Peacock, June 23, 2021, 64

Dog licenses issued: 155  
Doing Business As (DBAs) licenses issued: 14

Respectfully Submitted,  
Juliette S. Haas

# Town of Egremont

Combined Balance Sheet 07/01/2020-06/30/2021

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Govern Grant Funds	Capital Project Funds	Revolving Funds	Water Fund	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Fixed Assets	Long Term Debt	Memo Only
<b>ASSETS</b>											
Cash	1,505,873.01	24,272.93	124,000.99	0.00	40,909.32	93,380.74	675,557.76	3,324.68	0.00	0.00	2,467,319.43
Receivables	15,430.70	0.00	0.00	79,074.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	94,504.98
Property Taxes	122,977.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	122,977.93
Allowance for Abate & Exempt	-56,583.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-56,583.70
Tax Liens	20,086.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,086.73
Motor Vehicle Excise	28,090.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,090.13
User Charges / Liens	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,915.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,915.31
Amts Prov for Pay of Bonds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	898,833.00	988,833.00
Other Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,640,966.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,435,220.39
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,635,874.80</b>	<b>24,272.93</b>	<b>124,000.99</b>	<b>79,074.28</b>	<b>40,909.32</b>	<b>5,849,262.44</b>	<b>675,557.76</b>	<b>3,324.68</b>	<b>22,794,254.00</b>	<b>898,833.00</b>	<b>32,125,364.20</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>											
Other Liabilities	417.48	0.00	0.00	79,074.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	79,491.76
Payroll Withholdings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,137.18	0.00	0.00	2,137.18
Def Rev Prop Tax	66,394.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66,394.23
Def Rev Tax Liens	20,086.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,086.73
Deferred Revenue-Other	15,430.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,430.70
Def Rev MV Excise	28,090.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,090.13
Def Rev User Charges / Liens	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,915.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,915.31
Bonds Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	898,833.00	988,833.00
Accumulated Depreciation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	925,373.00	0.00	0.00	14,757,117.00	0.00	15,682,490.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>130,419.27</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>79,074.28</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,040,288.31</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,137.18</b>	<b>14,757,117.00</b>	<b>898,833.00</b>	<b>16,907,869.04</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>											
Reserved for Encumb	522,645.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	522,645.49
Reserved for Expenditures	508,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	508,600.00
Reserved for Deficits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Designated	0.00	24,272.93	124,000.99	0.00	40,909.32	0.00	675,557.76	1,187.50	0.00	0.00	865,928.50
Undesignated	474,210.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	93,380.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	567,590.78
Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,715,593.39	0.00	0.00	8,037,137.00	0.00	12,752,730.39
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>1,505,455.53</b>	<b>24,272.93</b>	<b>124,000.99</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>40,909.32</b>	<b>4,808,974.13</b>	<b>675,557.76</b>	<b>1,187.50</b>	<b>8,037,137.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>15,217,495.16</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>1,635,874.80</b>	<b>24,272.93</b>	<b>124,000.99</b>	<b>79,074.28</b>	<b>40,909.32</b>	<b>5,849,262.44</b>	<b>675,557.76</b>	<b>3,324.68</b>	<b>22,794,254.00</b>	<b>898,833.00</b>	<b>32,125,364.20</b>

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01 - GENERAL FUND		Account	Description	Orig Bud	Amended	Actual	Expected	% Exp
		014346.000	DOG LICENSES FEES	\$100.00		\$1,685.00	\$-1,585.00	1,685.00 %
		346 - 346 Total		\$100.00		\$1,685.00	\$-1,585.00	1,685.00 %
		014110.118	PERSONAL PROPERTY 2018			\$34.96	\$-34.96	100.00 %
		014110.119	PERSONAL PROPERTY 2019			\$125.06	\$-125.06	100.00 %
		014110.120	PERSONAL PROPERTY 2020			\$1,530.39	\$-1,530.39	100.00 %
		014110.121	PERSONAL PROPERTY 2021			\$73,094.36	\$-73,094.36	100.00 %
		014120.118	REAL ESTATE 2018			\$11,281.85	\$-11,281.85	100.00 %
		014120.119	REAL ESTATE 2019			\$21,416.28	\$-21,416.28	100.00 %
		014120.120	REAL ESTATE 2020			\$119,497.90	\$-119,497.90	100.00 %
		014120.121	REAL ESTATE 2021			\$4,087,383.72	\$-4,087,383.72	100.00 %
		014140.000	Roll Back Taxes			\$9,970.06	\$-9,970.06	100.00 %
		014450.116	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE 2016			\$129.58	\$-129.58	100.00 %
		014450.117	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE 2017			\$28.13	\$-28.13	100.00 %
		014450.118	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE 2018			\$170.63	\$-170.63	100.00 %
		014450.119	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE 2019			\$682.40	\$-682.40	100.00 %
		014450.120	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE 2020			\$47,324.13	\$-47,324.13	100.00 %
		014450.121	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE 2021	\$220,000.00		\$225,019.34	\$-5,019.34	102.28 %
		014170.000	Pen and Int on Taxes	\$34,000.00		\$36,831.25	\$-2,831.25	108.32 %
		014180.000	Payments In Lieu of Taxes	\$750.00		\$817.00	\$-67.00	108.93 %
		014329.000	Miscellaneous Fees			\$304.93	\$-304.93	100.00 %
		014370.000	Other Departmental	\$9,500.00		\$5,238.96	\$4,261.04	55.14 %
		014230.000	Copies			\$6.30	\$-6.30	100.00 %
		014421.000	Miscellaneous Permits			\$160.00	\$-160.00	100.00 %
		014427.000	RMV From the State	\$7,500.00		\$10,455.43	\$-2,955.43	139.40 %
		014661.000	Lottery Aid	\$66,998.00		\$66,998.00		100.00 %
		014663.000	State Owned Land	\$166,916.00		\$166,916.00		100.00 %
		014664.000	Vets Blind Surv Spouse Exempts	\$3,652.00		\$3,200.00	\$452.00	87.62 %
		014772.000	Fines - RMV Surcharge	\$1,000.00		\$400.00	\$600.00	40.00 %
		014440.000	Interest	\$9,000.00		\$4,946.97	\$4,053.03	54.96 %
		014100.000	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$15,000.00		\$3,087.35	\$11,912.65	20.58 %
		014910.000	Bond Proceeds					100.00 %
		100 - General Government Total		\$534,316.00		\$4,897,050.98	\$-4,362,734.98	916.50 %



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<b>01 - GENERAL FUND</b>					
<b>Account</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Orig Bud</b>	<b>Amended</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Expected % Exp</b>
014443.000	NESC Service Sentiel Payments			\$185.55	\$-185.55 100.00 %
014441.100	Liquor License	\$4,500.00		\$4,750.00	\$-250.00 105.55 %
014315.000	Other Licenses			\$475.00	\$-225.00 190.00 %
014440.100	Lodging License	\$250.00		\$25.00	\$-25.00 100.00 %
014422.000	Tag Sale Permits			\$80.00	\$-80.00 100.00 %
<b>122 - Selectmen Total</b>		<b>\$4,750.00</b>		<b>\$5,515.55</b>	<b>\$-765.55 116.11 %</b>
014324.000	Assessor's Fees	\$100.00		\$198.00	\$-98.00 198.00 %
<b>141 - Assessors Total</b>		<b>\$100.00</b>		<b>\$198.00</b>	<b>\$-98.00 198.00 %</b>
014321.000	Demand Fees	\$2,500.00		\$4,590.00	\$-2,090.00 183.60 %
<b>145 - Treasurer/Collector Total</b>		<b>\$2,500.00</b>		<b>\$4,590.00</b>	<b>\$-2,090.00 183.60 %</b>
014327.000	Tax Collector Fees	\$2,500.00		\$3,452.00	\$-952.00 138.08 %
<b>146 - Collector Total</b>		<b>\$2,500.00</b>		<b>\$3,452.00</b>	<b>\$-952.00 138.08 %</b>
014366.000	Town Clerk Fees	\$800.00		\$1,451.00	\$-651.00 181.37 %
<b>161 - Town Clerk Total</b>		<b>\$800.00</b>		<b>\$1,451.00</b>	<b>\$-651.00 181.37 %</b>
014365.000	Planning Board Fees	\$200.00		\$500.00	\$-300.00 250.00 %
<b>175 - Planning Board Total</b>		<b>\$200.00</b>		<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$-300.00 250.00 %</b>
014144.000	SEPTIC LOAN REVENUE			\$600.00	\$-600.00 100.00 %
<b>511 - Board of Health Total</b>				<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$-600.00 100.00 %</b>
014210.000	Admin Fee Police	\$1,000.00		\$1,613.55	\$-613.55 161.35 %
014210.001	POLICE FEES - MISC.	\$600.00		\$630.00	\$-30.00 105.00 %
014771.000	Fines - District Court			\$125.00	\$-125.00 100.00 %
<b>210 - Police Department Total</b>		<b>\$1,600.00</b>		<b>\$2,368.55</b>	<b>\$-768.55 148.03 %</b>
014220.000	Fire Services Mt. Washington			\$29,402.94	\$-29,402.94 100.00 %
014350.000	Fire Department Fees	\$3,000.00		\$4,810.00	\$-1,810.00 160.33 %
014425.000	Alarm Permits	\$4,500.00		\$4,525.00	\$-25.00 100.55 %
<b>220 - Fire Department Total</b>		<b>\$7,500.00</b>		<b>\$38,737.94</b>	<b>\$-31,237.94 516.50 %</b>
014241.000	Building Permits	\$60,750.00		\$59,863.00	\$887.00 98.53 %
<b>241 - Building Inspector Total</b>		<b>\$60,750.00</b>		<b>\$59,863.00</b>	<b>\$887.00 98.53 %</b>

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01 - GENERAL FUND Account	Description	Orig Bud	Amended	Actual	Expected	% Exp
014241.001	TOWN SHARE OF INSPECTORS FEES	\$1,200.00		\$1,395.00	\$-195.00	116.25 %
<b>249 - Inspectors Total</b>		<b>\$1,200.00</b>		<b>\$1,395.00</b>	<b>\$-195.00</b>	<b>116.25 %</b>
014200.328	Disposal Charges	\$3,500.00		\$6,937.00	\$-3,437.00	198.20 %
<b>433 - Compactor Total</b>		<b>\$3,500.00</b>		<b>\$6,937.00</b>	<b>\$-3,437.00</b>	<b>198.20 %</b>
014200.510	Permits- Board of Health	\$40,000.00		\$25,785.00	\$14,215.00	64.46 %
<b>511 - Board of Health Total</b>		<b>\$40,000.00</b>		<b>\$25,785.00</b>	<b>\$14,215.00</b>	<b>64.46 %</b>
014660.000	Veterans' Benefits	\$14,882.00		\$7,203.00	\$7,679.00	48.40 %
<b>543 - Veterans Total</b>		<b>\$14,882.00</b>		<b>\$7,203.00</b>	<b>\$7,679.00</b>	<b>48.40 %</b>
<b>01 - GENERAL FUND Total</b>		<b>\$674,698.00</b>		<b>\$5,057,332.02</b>	<b>\$-4,382,634.02</b>	<b>749.56 %</b>

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13 - CHAPTER 90 Account	Description	Orig Bud	Amended	Actual	Expected	% Exp
134422.000	CHAPTER 90 REVENUE			\$129,806.35	\$-129,806.35	100.00 %
422 - Highway Department Total				\$129,806.35	\$-129,806.35	100.00 %
13 - CHAPTER 90 Total				\$129,806.35	\$-129,806.35	100.00 %

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<b>24 - GOVERNMENTAL GRANTS</b>					
Account	Description	Orig Bud	Amended	Actual	Expected % Exp
244163.003	CDBG REVENUE			\$47,026.11	\$47,026.11 100.00 %
244163.004	ARPA GRANT REV			\$63,062.80	\$63,062.80 100.00 %
<b>100 - General Government Total</b>				<b>\$110,088.91</b>	<b>\$110,088.91 100.00 %</b>
244163.000	Polling Hours			\$570.00	\$570.00 100.00 %
244163.001	CTCL COVID 19 RESPONSE GRANT			\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00 100.00 %
<b>163 - Board of Registrars Total</b>				<b>\$5,570.00</b>	<b>\$5,570.00 100.00 %</b>
244437.005	SMALL TOWN HOUSING CHOICE			\$9,700.00	\$9,700.00 100.00 %
<b>443 - SMALL TOWN HOUSING CHOICE Total</b>				<b>\$9,700.00</b>	<b>\$9,700.00 100.00 %</b>
244600.001	BTCF GRANT			\$135.00	\$135.00 100.00 %
<b>610 - Library Total</b>				<b>\$135.00</b>	<b>\$135.00 100.00 %</b>
2444320.002	SMRPG			\$3,850.00	\$3,850.00 100.00 %
<b>441 - SMRPG Total</b>				<b>\$3,850.00</b>	<b>\$3,850.00 100.00 %</b>
244437.007	BRPC COVID-19			\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00 100.00 %
244400.000	Berk Bank Septic Loans			\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00 100.00 %
244437.008	MIA FLEX GRANT			\$187.00	\$187.00 100.00 %
<b>511 - Board of Health Total</b>				<b>\$313.00</b>	<b>\$313.00 100.00 %</b>
244007.000	Council on Aging - State			\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00 100.00 %
244628.001	COVID 19 TAXI GRANT				
244628.002	COVID-19 TAXI GRANT 2			\$11,970.00	\$11,970.00 100.00 %
<b>541 - Council on Aging Total</b>				<b>\$17,970.00</b>	<b>\$17,970.00 100.00 %</b>
244003.000	Library - State	\$2,642.00		\$2,720.39	\$2,720.39 102.96 %
<b>610 - Library Total</b>		<b>\$2,642.00</b>		<b>\$2,720.39</b>	<b>\$2,720.39 102.96 %</b>
244699.000	Cultural Council Grant			\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00 100.00 %
<b>635 - Cultural Council Total</b>				<b>\$9,600.00</b>	<b>\$9,600.00 100.00 %</b>
<b>24 - GOVERNMENTAL GRANTS Total</b>		<b>\$2,642.00</b>		<b>\$159,321.30</b>	<b>\$156,679.30 6,030.32 %</b>

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<b>25 - REVOLVING FUNDS</b>					
<b>Account</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Orig Bud</b>	<b>Amended</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Expected % Exp</b>
254200.001	French Park Revolving			\$955.00	\$-955.00 100.00 %
<b>200 - 200 Total</b>				<b>\$955.00</b>	<b>\$-955.00 100.00 %</b>
254171.000	CONSERVATION COMMISSION REVENUE				
<b>171 - Conservation Commission Total</b>				<b>\$1,726.20</b>	<b>\$-1,726.20 100.00 %</b>
254176.001	Board of Appeals Fees			\$2,725.00	\$-2,725.00 100.00 %
<b>176 - Board of Appeals Total</b>				<b>\$2,725.00</b>	<b>\$-2,725.00 100.00 %</b>
254249.000	INSPECTORS REVENUE				
<b>249 - Inspectors Total</b>				<b>\$25,210.00</b>	<b>\$-25,210.00 100.00 %</b>
254008.000	Dog License			\$100.00	\$-100.00 100.00 %
<b>292 - Animal Control Total</b>				<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$-100.00 100.00 %</b>
2543207.000	Compostable Materials			\$91.85	\$-91.85 100.00 %
254208.000	MRF RECYCLING PROCEEDS - REVENUE			\$658.44	\$-658.44 100.00 %
<b>511 - Board of Health Total</b>				<b>\$750.29</b>	<b>\$-750.29 100.00 %</b>
<b>25 - REVOLVING FUNDS Total</b>				<b>\$31,466.49</b>	<b>\$-31,466.49 100.00 %</b>

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Account	Description	Orig Bud	Amended	Actual	Expected	% Exp
<b>26 - GIFTS AND DONATIONS</b>						
264543.000	COUNCIL ON AGING DONATION REVENUE					
541 - Council on Aging Total				\$2,547.00	\$-2,547.00	100.00 %
				\$2,547.00	\$-2,547.00	100.00 %
264675.325	Misc Donations			\$1,165.00	\$-1,165.00	100.00 %
100 - General Government Total				\$1,165.00	\$-1,165.00	100.00 %
264210.000	T & E Donations			\$150.00	\$-150.00	100.00 %
210 - Police Department Total				\$150.00	\$-150.00	100.00 %
264011.000	Library			\$200.00	\$-200.00	100.00 %
610 - Library Total				\$200.00	\$-200.00	100.00 %
264013.001	HISTORICAL COMMISSION DONATIONS			\$220.00	\$-220.00	100.00 %
691 - Historical Commission Total				\$220.00	\$-220.00	100.00 %
26 - GIFTS AND DONATIONS Total				\$4,282.00	\$-4,282.00	100.00 %

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<b>28 - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>					
<b>Account</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Orig Bud</b>	<b>Amended</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Expected % Exp</b>
284800.000	TNB REVENUE			\$0.20	100.00 %
<b>422 - Highway Department Total</b>				<b>\$0.20</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
284801.001	BRPC COVID-19			\$2,500.00	100.00 %
284801.000	CARES COVID-19			\$2,798.00	100.00 %
<b>511 - Board of Health Total</b>				<b>\$5,298.00</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
<b>28 - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS Total</b>				<b>\$5,298.20</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>

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61 - WATER FUND Account	Description	Orig Bud	Amended	Actual	Expected	% Exp
614170.000	Interest and Penalties			\$1,438.91	\$-1,438.91	100.00 %
614210.000	Water Usage Charge	\$220,000.00		\$243,588.28	\$-23,588.28	110.72 %
614211.000	Hook-up Fees and Charges			\$600.00	\$-600.00	100.00 %
451 - Water Department Total		\$220,000.00		\$245,627.19	\$-25,627.19	111.64 %
61 - WATER FUND Total		\$220,000.00		\$245,627.19	\$-25,627.19	111.64 %



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<b>82 - EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS</b>						
<b>Account</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Orig Bud</b>	<b>Amended</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Expected</b>	<b>% Exp</b>
824277.000	Stabilization Interest			\$3,576.32	\$-3,576.32	100.00 %
824277.001	GASB 45 Interest			\$7,138.77	\$-7,138.77	100.00 %
<b>100 - General Government Total</b>				<b>\$10,715.09</b>	<b>\$-10,715.09</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
824280.000	Conservation Fund Interest			\$100.24	\$-100.24	100.00 %
<b>171 - Conservation Commission Total</b>				<b>\$100.24</b>	<b>\$-100.24</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
824286.100	Cemetery Perp Care			\$2,300.00	\$-2,300.00	100.00 %
824281.000	Cem Perp Care Interest			\$539.43	\$-539.43	100.00 %
824285.000	Frank Boice Interest			\$91.86	\$-91.86	100.00 %
824287.100	Sale of Lots			\$600.00	\$-600.00	100.00 %
824287.000	Hillside SOL Interest			\$29.51	\$-29.51	100.00 %
824286.000	Hillside Perp Care Interest			\$240.31	\$-240.31	100.00 %
<b>491 - Cemetery Department Total</b>				<b>\$3,801.11</b>	<b>\$-3,801.11</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
824283.000	French Park Interest			\$804.61	\$-804.61	100.00 %
<b>655 - French Park Total</b>				<b>\$804.61</b>	<b>\$-804.61</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
<b>82 - EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS Total</b>				<b>\$15,421.05</b>	<b>\$-15,421.05</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>

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<b>88 - WITHHOLDINGS FUND</b>						
<b>Account</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Orig Bud</b>	<b>Amended</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Expected</b>	<b>% Exp</b>
884998.947	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD EYE PREMIUMS			\$1,548.64	\$-1,548.64	100.00 %
884998.993	Other Withholdings			\$15,683.23	\$-15,683.23	100.00 %
884998.994	HIGHWAY UNION DUES			\$2,560.00	\$-2,560.00	100.00 %
884998.995	Insurance Withholding			\$112,059.33	\$-112,059.33	100.00 %
884998.997	Def Comp Withholding			\$27,300.53	\$-27,300.53	100.00 %
884998.998	Retirement Withholding			\$91,832.45	\$-91,832.45	100.00 %
884998.999	Taxes Withholding			\$158,221.81	\$-158,221.81	100.00 %
<b>998 - WITHHOLDINGS Total</b>				<b>\$409,205.99</b>	<b>\$-409,205.99</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
<b>88 - WITHHOLDINGS FUND Total</b>						
				<b>\$409,205.99</b>	<b>\$-409,205.99</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>

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89 - AGENCY FUNDS Account	Description	Orig Bud	Amended	Actual	Expected	% Exp
894115.000	Deputy Collector Fees			\$1,865.00	\$-1,865.00	100.00 %
145 - Treasurer/Collector Total				\$1,865.00	\$-1,865.00	100.00 %
894210.110	Outside Detail-Labor			\$30,383.30	\$-30,383.30	100.00 %
894210.555	State Fire Arms Revenue			\$2,100.00	\$-2,100.00	100.00 %
210 - Police Department Total				\$32,483.30	\$-32,483.30	100.00 %
894210.001	FIREMEN DETAIL			\$1,200.00	\$-1,200.00	100.00 %
220 - Fire Department Total				\$1,200.00	\$-1,200.00	100.00 %
89 - AGENCY FUNDS Total				\$35,548.30	\$-35,548.30	100.00 %
Grand Total		\$897,340.00	\$0.00	\$6,093,308.89	\$-5,195,968.89	679.04 %

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01 - GENERAL FUND	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
Account								
015114.113	Moderator Salary		\$330.00			\$330.00		100.00 %
<b>114 - Moderator Total</b>			<b>\$330.00</b>			<b>\$330.00</b>		<b>100.00 %</b>
015122.113	#1 Selectman's Salary		\$5,498.00			\$5,498.00		100.00 %
015122.114	#2 Selectman's Salary		\$5,101.00			\$5,101.00		100.00 %
015122.115	#3 Selectman's Salary		\$5,101.00			\$5,101.00		100.00 %
015122.116	Administrator Salary		\$67,462.00			\$67,462.00		100.00 %
015122.119	Personnel Director		\$11,300.00			\$8,332.50	\$2,967.50	73.73 %
015122.120	Sustainability Coordinator		\$7,081.00			\$7,081.00		100.00 %
015122.122	SICK LEAVE BUYBACK		\$5,000.00				\$5,000.00	0.00 %
015122.700	Selectmen Expenses		\$16,550.00			\$15,832.01	\$717.99	95.66 %
015122.704	GIS		\$4,500.00	\$1,800.00		\$6,200.00	\$100.00	98.41 %
015122.705	Sustainability Coordinator Expense		\$350.00			\$219.10	\$130.90	62.60 %
015122.701	Chamber of Commerce Membership		\$260.00			\$260.00		100.00 %
015122.703	Town Engineer		\$4,450.00			\$250.00	\$4,200.00	5.61 %
015122.713	ART. 5 STM 10/15/2020 EMERG/BACKUP		\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00		0.00 %
015122.714	ART. 6 STM 10/15/2020		\$7,000.00			\$5,270.65	\$1,729.35	75.29 %
015122.715	ART. 7 STM 10-15-2020 TREE REMOVAL		\$8,250.00			\$8,204.59	\$45.41	99.44 %
015122.716	ART. 8 STM 10-15-2020 PUBLIC TRANSP		\$7,500.00			\$7,500.00		0.00 %
015122.717	ART. 9 STM 10-15-2020 COVID-19 COMP		\$5,760.00			\$2,590.00	\$3,170.00	44.96 %
<b>122 - Selectmen Total</b>			<b>\$163,663.00</b>	<b>\$1,800.00</b>		<b>\$137,401.85</b>	<b>\$28,061.15</b>	<b>83.04 %</b>
015123.110	Town Hall Office Clerk		\$26,871.00			\$26,871.00		100.00 %
<b>123 - Town Hall Total</b>			<b>\$26,871.00</b>			<b>\$26,871.00</b>		<b>100.00 %</b>
015131.700	Finance Committee Expense		\$400.00			\$182.92	\$217.08	45.73 %
<b>131 - Finance Committee Total</b>			<b>\$400.00</b>			<b>\$182.92</b>	<b>\$217.08</b>	<b>45.73 %</b>
015135.113	Town Accountant Salary		\$13,757.00			\$13,757.00		100.00 %
015135.400	Town Accountant Expenses		\$1,500.00			\$1,218.23	\$281.77	81.21 %
<b>135 - Town Accountant Total</b>			<b>\$15,257.00</b>			<b>\$14,975.23</b>	<b>\$281.77</b>	<b>98.15 %</b>
015145.115	COMPUTER ADMINISTRATOR SALARY		\$5,700.00			\$5,700.00		100.00 %
<b>136 - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES Total</b>			<b>\$5,700.00</b>			<b>\$5,700.00</b>		<b>100.00 %</b>

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01 - GENERAL FUND								
Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
015141.113	# 1 Assessors' Salaries		\$4,921.00			\$4,921.00		100.00 %
015141.114	#2 Assessor's Salaries		\$4,921.00			\$4,921.00		100.00 %
015141.115	#3 Assessor's Salaries		\$4,921.00			\$4,921.00		100.00 %
015141.702	Assessors - Clerical		\$3,042.00			\$3,042.00		100.00 %
015141.700	Assessors Expenses		\$2,650.00			\$1,921.44	\$728.56	72.50 %
015141.902	Assessor's Consulting		\$36,000.00			\$36,000.00		100.00 %
141 - Assessors Total			\$56,455.00			\$55,726.44	\$728.56	98.70 %
015145.113	Treasurer/Collector Salary		\$59,281.00			\$59,281.00		100.00 %
015145.116	Treasurer Collector Clerk		\$1,500.00				\$1,500.00	0.00 %
015145.400	Treas/Collect Expenses		\$11,495.00			\$11,072.49	\$422.51	96.32 %
145 - Treasurer/Collector Total			\$72,276.00			\$70,353.49	\$1,922.51	97.34 %
015146.701	Tax Col Tax Title Expense							100.00 %
146 - Collector Total								100.00 %
015151.700	Legal Fees		\$16,000.00			\$16,000.00		100.00 %
015151.702	Legal Expenses		\$2,000.00			\$131.75	\$1,868.25	6.58 %
015151.725	Litigation		\$5,000.00			\$1,330.00	\$3,670.00	26.60 %
151 - Legal Department Total			\$23,000.00			\$17,461.75	\$5,538.25	75.92 %
015152.200	Drug & Alcohol Tests		\$360.00			\$235.00	\$125.00	65.27 %
152 - Drug and Alcohol Total			\$360.00			\$235.00	\$125.00	65.27 %
015155.012	High Speed Internet		\$4,251.00			\$3,171.40	\$1,079.60	74.60 %
015155.700	Computer Expenses	\$756.12	\$100,590.00			\$101,346.12		100.00 %
015155.014	Email Archives		\$2,700.00			\$2,700.00		100.00 %
155 - Office Machines Total		\$756.12	\$107,541.00			\$107,217.52	\$1,079.60	99.00 %
015159.700	Audit		\$8,037.00			\$8,037.00		100.00 %
159 - Audit Total			\$8,037.00			\$8,037.00		100.00 %
015161.113	Town Clerk Salary		\$11,591.00			\$11,591.00		100.00 %
015161.700	Town Clerk Expenses		\$7,000.00			\$4,080.19	\$2,919.81	58.28 %
015161.702	Egremont News Letter		\$4,000.00			\$3,829.38	\$170.62	95.73 %
161 - Town Clerk Total			\$22,591.00			\$19,500.57	\$3,090.43	86.32 %

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01 - GENERAL FUND Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
015162.113	Election Wages		\$4,500.00			\$2,299.50	\$2,200.50	51.10 %
<b>162 - Elections and Registration Total</b>			<b>\$4,500.00</b>			<b>\$2,299.50</b>	<b>\$2,200.50</b>	<b>51.10 %</b>
015163.113	Bd. of Registrar's Salary		\$50.00			\$50.00		100.00 %
<b>163 - Board of Registrars Total</b>			<b>\$50.00</b>			<b>\$50.00</b>		<b>100.00 %</b>
015171.700	Conserv Comm Expenses		\$2,605.00			\$2,464.97	\$140.03	94.62 %
015171.701	CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENT		\$1,000.00				\$1,000.00	0.00 %
015171.702	CON. COMM. CLERICAL		\$3,000.00			\$1,211.75	\$1,788.25	40.39 %
<b>171 - Conservation Commission Total</b>			<b>\$6,605.00</b>			<b>\$3,676.72</b>	<b>\$2,928.28</b>	<b>55.66 %</b>
015172.700	Agricultural Commission		\$400.00			\$400.00		100.00 %
015172.701	POLLINATOR WRITTEN PLAN	\$2,500.00				\$2,500.00		100.00 %
015172.702	ATM 6/23/20 POLLINATOR WRITTEN PLAN		\$3,400.00			\$3,400.00		100.00 %
<b>172 - Agricultural Commission Total</b>		<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$3,800.00</b>			<b>\$6,300.00</b>		<b>100.00 %</b>
015174.700	Berkshire Regional Plan					\$976.06	\$-976.06	100.00 %
<b>174 - Regional Planning Total</b>						<b>\$976.06</b>	<b>\$-976.06</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
015175.700	Planning Board Expenses		\$2,500.00			\$580.90	\$1,919.10	23.23 %
<b>175 - Planning Board Total</b>			<b>\$2,500.00</b>			<b>\$580.90</b>	<b>\$1,919.10</b>	<b>23.23 %</b>
015176.700	Board of Appeals Expenses		\$100.00				\$100.00	0.00 %
<b>176 - Board of Appeals Total</b>			<b>\$100.00</b>				<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
015190.113	Bylaw Printing		\$100.00				\$100.00	0.00 %
<b>190 - Printing Total</b>			<b>\$100.00</b>				<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
015192.115	Maint Superintendent		\$52,659.00			\$52,659.00		100.00 %
015192.117	Building Maint. Wages		\$13,612.00			\$13,510.24	\$101.76	99.25 %
015192.400	Bldg Maint. Utility Expense		\$34,650.00			\$27,733.15	\$6,916.85	80.03 %
015192.405	Telephone		\$9,600.00			\$8,115.23	\$1,484.77	84.53 %
015192.408	Town Cemetery Maintenance		\$1,100.00			\$1,100.00		100.00 %
015192.700	Building Maint Gen Exp.		\$20,850.00			\$19,302.87	\$1,547.13	92.57 %
015192.703	Group Purchasing		\$1,510.00			\$1,056.00	\$454.00	69.93 %
015210.703	Police Facility Maintenance							100.00 %

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01 - GENERAL FUND	Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
<b>192 - Town Buildings Total</b>									
	015193.700	Town Hall Repairs		\$133,981.00			\$123,476.49	\$10,504.51	92.15 %
	015193.703	ART. 12 ATM 05/05/2015 SOUTH EGREMO	\$2,350.00				\$2,350.00		100.00 %
	015193.704	ART. 13 ATM 05/05/2015 MT. EVERETT	\$6,216.48				\$5,068.80	\$1,147.68	81.53 %
	015193.705	CEMETERY PROJECTS ATM ARTICLE 6	\$19,200.00				\$9,831.99	\$9,368.01	51.20 %
	015193.707	GENERATOR	\$3,214.00				\$3,214.00		100.00 %
	015193.708	TOWN HALL - DRIVEWAY/PARKING	\$57,000.00				\$18,497.86	\$38,502.14	32.45 %
	015193.709	ATM 6/23/20 ART. 10 LARGER CAPACITY	\$3,458.00				\$2,958.68	\$499.32	85.56 %
	015193.711	ATM 06/23/20 ART. 8 CEMETERY PROJEC		\$117,000.00				\$117,000.00	0.00 %
				\$6,000.00			\$6,000.00		100.00 %
		<b>193 - Town Building Projects Total</b>	<b>\$91,438.48</b>	<b>\$123,000.00</b>			<b>\$47,921.33</b>	<b>\$166,517.15</b>	<b>22.34 %</b>
	015195.700	Town Report		\$300.00			\$58.78	\$241.22	19.59 %
		<b>195 - Town Reports Total</b>		<b>\$300.00</b>			<b>\$58.78</b>	<b>\$241.22</b>	<b>19.59 %</b>
	015210.113	Police Chief's Salary		\$82,640.00			\$82,640.00		100.00 %
	015210.114	Police Wages-Secretary		\$18,372.00			\$13,546.28	\$4,825.72	73.73 %
	015210.119	Collective Bargaining		\$304,165.00			\$282,164.55	\$22,000.45	92.76 %
	015210.120	Constable's Salary		\$658.00			\$658.00		100.00 %
	015210.700	Police Chief Expenses		\$4,500.00			\$4,500.00		100.00 %
	015210.701	Vehicle Expenses	\$6,722.92	\$16,000.00			\$22,576.75	\$146.17	99.35 %
	015210.702	Police Dept. Expenses	\$5,476.36	\$11,500.00			\$16,933.44	\$42.92	99.74 %
		<b>210 - Police Department Total</b>	<b>\$12,199.28</b>	<b>\$437,835.00</b>			<b>\$423,019.02</b>	<b>\$27,015.26</b>	<b>93.99 %</b>
	015220.120	Firefighters Stipend		\$30,000.00			\$30,000.00		100.00 %
	015220.121	ADMIN/MAINTENANCE POSITION		\$12,000.00	\$-6,000.00		\$5,880.00	\$120.00	98.00 %
	015220.122	FIRE CHIEF PAY		\$20,000.00			\$20,000.00		100.00 %
	015220.700	Fire Dept Expenses		\$53,500.00	\$6,000.00		\$59,709.36	\$-209.36	100.35 %
	015220.702	Forest Fires		\$1,000.00			\$719.00	\$281.00	71.90 %
	015220.704	Street Number 911		\$100.00				\$100.00	0.00 %
	015220.705	Dispatch Facilities		\$11,272.00			\$11,271.26	\$0.74	99.99 %
	015220.711	Blackboard Connect		\$2,250.00			\$2,250.00		100.00 %
	015220.714	S. Berkshire Emerg. Planning		\$500.00			\$500.00		100.00 %
	015220.716	ATM 6/23/20 ART. 6 FIRE DEPT. OSHA		\$10,000.00			\$2,980.88	\$7,362.12	28.82 %
	015220.717	ATM 6/23/20 ART. 4 SO. BERK. AMBULA	\$343.00	\$14,279.00			\$14,279.00		100.00 %

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Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp	
<b>220 - Fire Department Total</b>		<b>\$343.00</b>	<b>\$154,901.00</b>			<b>\$147,589.50</b>	<b>\$7,654.50</b>	<b>95.06 %</b>	
015241.114	Building Inspector Asst								
015241.113	Building Inspector Salary		\$1,500.00			\$31,388.00	\$1,500.00	0.00 %	
015241.700	Inspector's Expenses		\$31,388.00			\$518.22	\$2,261.78	100.00 %	
<b>241 - Building Inspector Total</b>			<b>\$35,668.00</b>			<b>\$31,906.22</b>	<b>\$3,761.78</b>	<b>89.45 %</b>	
015292.113	Animal Control Officer		\$2,677.00			\$2,677.00		100.00 %	
015292.700	Animal Control Expenses		\$1,000.00			\$45.98	\$954.02	4.59 %	
<b>292 - Animal Control Total</b>			<b>\$3,677.00</b>			<b>\$2,722.98</b>	<b>\$954.02</b>	<b>74.05 %</b>	
015294.115	Tree Warden Wages		\$6,272.00			\$6,272.00		100.00 %	
015294.700	Tree Work		\$30,000.00			\$20,126.00	\$9,874.00	67.08 %	
<b>294 - Tree Warden Total</b>			<b>\$36,272.00</b>			<b>\$26,398.00</b>	<b>\$9,874.00</b>	<b>72.77 %</b>	
015220.117	Emergency Management Wages		\$2,633.00			\$2,633.00		100.00 %	
015220.707	Emergency Management Expenses	\$1,056.62	\$1,600.00			\$462.46	\$2,194.16	17.40 %	
<b>299 - Emergency Management Total</b>		<b>\$1,056.62</b>	<b>\$4,233.00</b>			<b>\$3,095.46</b>	<b>\$2,194.16</b>	<b>58.51 %</b>	
015300.004	School Crossing Guard		\$500.00				\$500.00	0.00 %	
015300.002	Schools Operating Costs		\$1,634,140.00			\$1,634,139.00	\$1.00	99.99 %	
015300.003	School Committee Expenses		\$2,121.00			\$2,120.99	\$0.01	99.99 %	
015300.005	SCHOOL BOND		\$35,538.00			\$35,538.00		100.00 %	
015300.001	Schools-Capital Costs		\$34,853.00			\$34,853.00		100.00 %	
<b>300 - Schools Total</b>			<b>\$1,707,152.00</b>			<b>\$1,706,650.99</b>	<b>\$501.01</b>	<b>99.97 %</b>	
015422.115	Const & Maint Wages		\$5,000.00			\$1,704.34	\$3,295.66	34.08 %	
015422.116	Superintendent Salary		\$69,249.00			\$69,249.00		100.00 %	
015422.117	HIGHWAY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING		\$166,455.00			\$164,489.33	\$1,965.67	98.81 %	
015422.118	STREET SIGNS	\$1,517.18				\$180.72	\$1,336.46	11.91 %	
015422.700	Const & Maintenance		\$194,800.00			\$160,789.08	\$34,010.92	82.54 %	
015422.707	VEHICLE MAINT./REPAIRS		\$64,100.00			\$56,908.50	\$7,191.50	88.78 %	
015422.122	MT. WASHINGTON ROAD	\$308,380.13				\$182,762.72	\$125,617.41	59.26 %	
015422.124	ATM 6/23/20 ART. 12 ROAD REPAIRS		\$150,000.00				\$150,000.00	0.00 %	
<b>422 - Highway Department Total</b>		<b>\$309,897.31</b>	<b>\$649,604.00</b>			<b>\$636,083.69</b>	<b>\$323,417.62</b>	<b>66.29 %</b>	



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015423.115	Snow & Ice Removal Wages		\$25,000.00	\$-3,996.33		\$14,087.34	\$6,916.33	67.07 %
015423.700	Snow and Ice Removal		\$70,000.00	\$3,996.33		\$73,996.33		100.00 %
<b>423 - Snow and Ice Total</b>			<b>\$95,000.00</b>			<b>\$88,083.67</b>	<b>\$6,916.33</b>	<b>92.71 %</b>
015424.200	Public Lighting		\$6,000.00	\$84.21		\$6,084.21		100.00 %
<b>424 - Public Lighting Total</b>			<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$84.21</b>		<b>\$6,084.21</b>		<b>100.00 %</b>
015433.114	Compactor Substitute Wage		\$6,473.00	\$3,555.00		\$9,808.95	\$219.05	97.81 %
015433.700	Compactor Operation		\$105,295.00			\$99,645.10	\$5,649.90	94.63 %
015433.701	ART. 4 STM 10/15/20 COMPACTOR OPERA		\$8,800.00			\$8,800.00		0.00 %
<b>433 - Compactor Total</b>			<b>\$120,568.00</b>	<b>\$3,555.00</b>		<b>\$109,454.05</b>	<b>\$14,668.95</b>	<b>88.18 %</b>
015193.710	CEMETERY MAINT/EXP							
015491.700	Cemetery Expenses/Projects		\$18,000.00			\$14,988.93	\$3,011.07	83.27 %
015491.706	STM 09-17-2019 ART. 4							100.00 %
<b>491 - Cemetery Department Total</b>			<b>\$18,000.00</b>			<b>\$14,988.93</b>	<b>\$3,011.07</b>	<b>83.27 %</b>
015511.116	BOH Director Wages		\$27,586.00			\$27,586.00		100.00 %
015511.118	Public Health Agent		\$12,000.00			\$7,687.50	\$4,312.50	64.06 %
015511.700	Board of Health Expenses		\$4,500.00			\$3,679.01	\$820.99	81.75 %
<b>511 - Board of Health Total</b>			<b>\$44,086.00</b>			<b>\$38,952.51</b>	<b>\$5,133.49</b>	<b>88.35 %</b>
015519.700	Inspector of Animals		\$500.00			\$500.00		100.00 %
<b>519 - Animal Inspector Total</b>			<b>\$500.00</b>			<b>\$500.00</b>		<b>100.00 %</b>
015541.700	Council on Aging Expenses		\$13,230.00			\$8,363.19	\$4,866.81	63.21 %
<b>541 - Council on Aging Total</b>			<b>\$13,230.00</b>			<b>\$8,363.19</b>	<b>\$4,866.81</b>	<b>63.21 %</b>
015543.700	Veterans' Expenses							
015543.751	Veteran's Benefits Paid Out		\$21,000.00			\$5,681.52	\$-5,681.52	100.00 %
<b>543 - Veterans Total</b>			<b>\$21,000.00</b>			<b>\$10,892.72</b>	<b>\$10,107.28</b>	<b>51.87 %</b>
015599.200	Brien Center for Mental Health		\$2,203.00			\$16,574.24	\$4,425.76	78.92 %
015599.201	Berkshire So. Comm. Center		\$2,000.00			\$2,203.00		100.00 %
015599.202	Community Health Program		\$1,000.00			\$2,000.00		100.00 %
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015599.203	Community Service		\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00		100.00 %
015599.204	Construct, Inc.		\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00		100.00 %
015599.205	Eagle Fund		\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00		100.00 %
015599.206	Egremont Garden Club		\$275.00			\$275.00		100.00 %
015599.207	Elizabeth Freeman Center		\$500.00			\$500.00		100.00 %
015599.208	Fairview Hospital		\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00		100.00 %
015599.209	Hospice of So. Berkshire		\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00		100.00 %
015599.210	Public Health Services		\$2,575.00			\$2,137.00	\$438.00	82.99 %
015599.211	So. Berk. Literacy Network		\$400.00			\$400.00		100.00 %
015599.213	So. Berk. Elderly Transp		\$10,587.00	\$-84.21		\$4,812.49	\$5,690.30	45.82 %
015599.215	Railroad St. Youth Project		\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00		100.00 %
015599.217	Housatonic Valley Association		\$250.00			\$250.00		100.00 %
<b>\$99 - Human Services Total</b>			<b>\$27,290.00</b>	<b>\$-84.21</b>		<b>\$21,077.49</b>	<b>\$6,128.30</b>	<b>77.47 %</b>
015610.113	Librarian's Salary		\$23,539.00			\$23,539.00		100.00 %
015610.114	Library Substitute Wages		\$985.00	\$124.25		\$1,071.00	\$38.25	96.55 %
015610.700	Library Expenses		\$13,525.00			\$13,504.06	\$20.94	99.84 %
<b>610 - Library Total</b>			<b>\$38,049.00</b>	<b>\$124.25</b>		<b>\$38,114.06</b>	<b>\$59.19</b>	<b>99.84 %</b>
015650.113	French Park Wages		\$12,840.00			\$12,709.04	\$130.96	98.98 %
015650.118	French Park Overtime		\$5,555.00			\$4,127.08	\$1,427.92	74.29 %
015650.702	ATM 6/23/20 ART. 9 FRENCH PARK REPA							
015650.705	French Park Trails		\$1,500.00			\$47.59	\$1,452.41	3.17 %
015650.700	French Park Maintenance		\$2,825.00			\$2,521.79	\$303.21	89.26 %
015650.701	FRENCH PARK REPAIRS					\$15,595.92	\$158.43	98.99 %
<b>650 - French Park Total</b>			<b>\$37,220.00</b>			<b>\$35,001.42</b>	<b>\$3,472.93</b>	<b>90.97 %</b>
015655.824	Friends of Prospect Lake		\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00		100.00 %
<b>656 - Prospect Lake Total</b>			<b>\$5,000.00</b>			<b>\$5,000.00</b>		<b>100.00 %</b>
015691.700	Historical Comm. Expenses		\$2,300.00			\$580.92	\$1,719.08	25.25 %
015697.713	MACRS	\$7,000.00				\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	42.85 %
015697.714	HISTORIC BOOK RESTORATION (HISTORIC	\$4,500.00					\$4,500.00	0.00 %
<b>691 - Historical Commission Total</b>		<b>\$11,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,300.00</b>			<b>\$3,580.92</b>	<b>\$10,219.08</b>	<b>25.94 %</b>

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	015710.925	Interest on Short Term Debt		\$10,000.00				\$10,000.00	0.00 %
	015710.928	Police Facility Loan		\$31,200.00			\$31,200.00		100.00 %
	015710.932	DEBT PMT. FOR MT. WASHINGTON ROAD B		\$12,836.00			\$12,835.50	\$0.50	99.99 %
	015710.933	DEBT PMT. FOR FIRE RESCUE TRUCK		\$70,667.00			\$70,667.00		100.00 %
	<b>710 - Debt Service Total</b>			<b>\$124,703.00</b>			<b>\$114,702.50</b>	<b>\$10,000.50</b>	<b>91.98 %</b>
	015820.640	State - Air Pollution		\$643.00			\$643.00		100.00 %
	015820.641	State - RMV Surcharge		\$960.00			\$960.00		100.00 %
	<b>820 - State Assessments Total</b>			<b>\$1,603.00</b>			<b>\$1,603.00</b>		<b>100.00 %</b>
	015930.700	Bldg Improvements	\$4,072.71	\$12,000.00			\$15,923.07	\$149.64	99.06 %
	<b>930 - Projects Total</b>		<b>\$4,072.71</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>			<b>\$15,923.07</b>	<b>\$149.64</b>	<b>99.06 %</b>
	015940.700	Reserve Fund		\$25,000.00	\$-5,479.25			\$19,520.75	0.00 %
	<b>940 - Reserve Total</b>			<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>\$-5,479.25</b>			<b>\$19,520.75</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
	015945.740	Insurance/Property&Casual		\$122,557.00			\$113,070.87	\$9,486.13	92.25 %
	015945.741	Health/Dental		\$301,550.00			\$251,130.91	\$50,419.09	83.28 %
	015945.742	Social Security/Medicare		\$17,000.00			\$16,926.97	\$73.03	99.57 %
	015945.743	Unemployment	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00			\$6,994.03	\$13,005.97	34.97 %
	015945.744	Pension		\$187,101.00			\$187,101.00		100.00 %
	015945.747	LONGEVITY PAY		\$3,025.00			\$2,825.00	\$200.00	93.38 %
	<b>945 - Insurance and Benefits Total</b>		<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$641,233.00</b>			<b>\$578,048.78</b>	<b>\$73,184.22</b>	<b>88.76 %</b>
	015050.120	MVE REFUNDS LY20					\$1,952.74	\$-1,952.74	100.00 %
	015050.121	MVE REFUNDS LY21					\$3,172.75	\$-3,172.75	100.00 %
	<b>988 - Mve Refund Total</b>						<b>\$5,125.49</b>	<b>\$-5,125.49</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
	<b>01 - GENERAL FUND Total</b>		<b>\$445,017.87</b>	<b>\$5,039,541.00</b>			<b>\$4,727,975.94</b>	<b>\$756,582.93</b>	<b>86.20 %</b>

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13 - CHAPTER 90 Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
135422.700	Chapter 90					\$129,806.35	\$-129,806.35	100.00 %
422 - Highway Department Total						\$129,806.35	\$-129,806.35	100.00 %
13 - CHAPTER 90 Total						\$129,806.35	\$-129,806.35	100.00 %

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24 - GOVERNMENTAL GRANTS	Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
	245163.002	COMMUNITY TRANSIT GRANT		\$49,780.00				\$49,780.00	0.00 %
	245163.003	CDBG EXPENSES		\$1,300,000.00			\$47,026.11	\$1,252,973.89	3.61 %
	245644.002	MASS TECH COLLABORATIVE GRANT - EXP					\$1,205.02	\$-1,205.02	100.00 %
	100 - General Government Total		\$1,349,780.00				\$48,231.13	\$1,301,548.87	3.57 %
	245163.000	Elections - State					\$531.00	\$-531.00	100.00 %
	245163.001	CTCL COVID 19 RESPONSE GRANT		\$5,000.00			\$4,732.99	\$267.01	94.65 %
	163 - Board of Registrars Total			\$5,000.00			\$5,263.99	\$-263.99	105.27 %
	245437.009	WORKING FOREST INITIATIVE FUNDING		\$3,146.00			\$3,146.00		100.00 %
	171 - Conservation Commission Total			\$3,146.00			\$3,146.00		100.00 %
	245228.021	FY21 EMPG - FFY2020		\$2,700.00				\$2,700.00	0.00 %
	299 - Emergency Management Total			\$2,700.00				\$2,700.00	0.00 %
	245437.001	BOH ONLINE PERMITTING GRANT EXPENSE					\$1,640.00	\$-1,640.00	100.00 %
	245437.007	BRPC COVID-19							100.00 %
	245437.008	MIA FLEX GRANT		\$146.25			\$187.00	\$-40.75	127.86 %
	511 - Board of Health Total			\$146.25			\$1,827.00	\$-1,680.75	1,249.23 %
	245100.007	Council on Aging - State					\$6,727.29	\$-6,727.29	100.00 %
	245628.001	COVID 19 TAXI GRANT					\$25,410.00	\$-25,410.00	100.00 %
	245628.002	COVID-19 TAXI GRANT 2		\$23,940.00			\$4,802.30	\$19,137.70	20.05 %
	541 - Council on Aging Total			\$23,940.00			\$36,939.59	\$-12,999.59	154.30 %
	245100.012	Cultural Council					\$6,571.87	\$-6,571.87	100.00 %
	542 - Cultural Council Total						\$6,571.87	\$-6,571.87	100.00 %
	24 - GOVERNMENTAL GRANTS Total		\$1,384,712.25				\$101,979.58	\$1,282,732.67	7.36 %

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25 - REVOLVING FUNDS									
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255008.000	DOG LICENSE EXPENSE		\$5,000.00			\$407.47	\$4,592.53	8.14 %	
161 - Town Clerk Total			\$5,000.00			\$407.47	\$4,592.53	8.14 %	
255171.400	Conservation Comm.		\$5,000.00			\$1,395.75	\$3,604.25	27.91 %	
171 - Conservation Commission Total			\$5,000.00			\$1,395.75	\$3,604.25	27.91 %	
255175.000	Planning Board Revolving Exp		\$2,500.00				\$2,500.00	0.00 %	
175 - Planning Board Total			\$2,500.00				\$2,500.00	0.00 %	
255176.700	Board of Appeals		\$1,000.00	\$2,725.00		\$2,564.88	\$1,160.12	68.85 %	
176 - Board of Appeals Total			\$1,000.00	\$2,725.00		\$2,564.88	\$1,160.12	68.85 %	
255200.000	Compost Bins		\$500.00				\$500.00	0.00 %	
510 - 510 Total			\$500.00				\$500.00	0.00 %	
255208.000	MRF RECYCLING PROCEEDS - EXPENSE		\$15,000.00				\$15,000.00	0.00 %	
511 - Board of Health Total			\$15,000.00				\$15,000.00	0.00 %	
255209.000	POLICE DETAIL REVOLVING - EXPENSE		\$5,000.00				\$5,000.00	0.00 %	
200 - Public Safety Total			\$5,000.00				\$5,000.00	0.00 %	
255249.000	Inspectors		\$25,000.00			\$25,215.00	\$-215.00	100.86 %	
249 - Inspectors Total			\$25,000.00			\$25,215.00	\$-215.00	100.86 %	
255307.000	Compostable Materials		\$500.00			\$90.51	\$409.49	18.10 %	
511 - Board of Health Total			\$500.00			\$90.51	\$409.49	18.10 %	
255200.700	French Park Expenses		\$3,000.00	\$955.00			\$3,955.00	0.00 %	
655 - French Park Total			\$3,000.00	\$955.00			\$3,955.00	0.00 %	
25 - REVOLVING FUNDS Total			\$62,500.00	\$3,680.00		\$29,673.61	\$36,506.39	44.83 %	

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<b>26 - GIFTS AND DONATIONS</b>								
265543.000	COUNCIL ON AGING DONATION EXPENSE					\$436.96	\$-436.96	100.00 %
<b>541 - Council on Aging Total</b>						<b>\$436.96</b>	<b>\$-436.96</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
265630.000	KNOX MEMORIAL					\$125.00	\$-125.00	100.00 %
<b>630 - Total</b>						<b>\$125.00</b>	<b>\$-125.00</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
2653686.000	Stephen Wells Expenses					\$1,204.00	\$-1,204.00	100.00 %
265684.000	INSURANCE RECOVERY EXPENSES <\$20.00					\$3,900.00	\$-3,900.00	100.00 %
265688.000	S. EGREMONT SCHOOL DONATIONS					\$470.11	\$-470.11	100.00 %
<b>122 - Selectmen Total</b>						<b>\$5,574.11</b>	<b>\$-5,574.11</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
265682.325	Miscellaneous Donations					\$1,065.00	\$-1,065.00	100.00 %
<b>675 - Misc Donations Total</b>						<b>\$1,065.00</b>	<b>\$-1,065.00</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
265500.010	Ambulance					\$41.84	\$-41.84	100.00 %
<b>500 - Total</b>						<b>\$41.84</b>	<b>\$-41.84</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
265500.011	Library					\$2,975.44	\$-2,975.44	100.00 %
<b>500 - 500 Total</b>						<b>\$2,975.44</b>	<b>\$-2,975.44</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
265651.320	French Park Parade Donations					\$1,249.36	\$-1,249.36	100.00 %
<b>651 - 651 Total</b>						<b>\$1,249.36</b>	<b>\$-1,249.36</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
265653.000	French Park Playground					\$147.05	\$-147.05	100.00 %
<b>653 - French Park Playground Total</b>						<b>\$147.05</b>	<b>\$-147.05</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
<b>26 - GIFTS AND DONATIONS Total</b>						<b>\$11,614.76</b>	<b>\$-11,614.76</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>

**Town of Egremont**  
**All Departments Expenditure Report**  
**From 07/01/2020 to 06/30/2021**

28 - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS								
Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
285801.000	CARES COVID-19							100.00 %
285801.001	BRPC COVID-19					\$1,244.98	\$-1,244.98	100.00 %
511 - Board of Health Total						\$1,244.98	\$-1,244.98	100.00 %
28 - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS Total						\$1,244.98	\$-1,244.98	100.00 %



**Town of Egremont**  
**All Departments Expenditure Report**  
**From 07/01/2020 to 06/30/2021**

61 - WATER FUND Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
615451.115	Water Wages		\$55,206.00	\$4,100.00		\$58,076.86	\$1,229.14	97.92 %
615451.200	Utilities		\$10,000.00	\$1,250.00		\$9,835.68	\$1,414.32	87.42 %
615451.201	Audit		\$4,000.00			\$3,963.00	\$37.00	99.07 %
615451.400	Office Expenses		\$1,600.00			\$1,237.67	\$362.33	77.35 %
615451.700	Water Expenses		\$25,000.00			\$10,172.09	\$14,827.91	40.68 %
615451.701	Water Line Repairs		\$37,500.00	\$-5,350.00		\$27,531.92	\$4,618.08	85.63 %
615451.703	Insurance		\$8,400.00			\$8,242.08	\$157.92	98.12 %
615451.825	Software		\$2,000.00			\$1,893.15	\$106.85	94.65 %
615451.900	Debt Service - Princ/Int		\$98,650.00			\$98,650.00		100.00 %
451 - Water Department Total			\$242,356.00			\$219,602.45	\$22,753.55	90.61 %
61 - WATER FUND Total			\$242,356.00			\$219,602.45	\$22,753.55	90.61 %

**Town of Egremont**  
**All Departments Expenditure Report**  
**From 07/01/2020 to 06/30/2021**

88 - WITHHOLDINGS FUND								
Account	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
885998.947	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD EYE INSURANC					\$1,549.85	\$-1,549.85	100.00 %
885999.993	Other Withholdings					\$15,683.23	\$-15,683.23	100.00 %
885999.994	HIHGWAY UNION DUES					\$2,560.00	\$-2,560.00	100.00 %
885998.995	Insurance Withholding					\$112,813.68	\$-112,813.68	100.00 %
885999.997	Deferred Comp					\$27,300.53	\$-27,300.53	100.00 %
885999.998	Retirement Withholding					\$91,832.45	\$-91,832.45	100.00 %
885999.999	Taxes Withholding					\$158,221.81	\$-158,221.81	100.00 %
998 - WITHOLDINGS Total						\$409,961.55	\$-409,961.55	100.00 %
88 - WITHHOLDINGS FUND Total								
						\$409,961.55	\$-409,961.55	100.00 %

**Town of Egremont**  
**All Departments Expenditure Report**  
**From 07/01/2020 to 06/30/2021**

89 - AGENCY FUNDS	Description	Carry Fwd	Orig Bud	Amended	Encumb	Expend	Unencum Bal	% Exp
Account								
895115.000	Deputy Collector Fees					\$1,865.00	\$-1,865.00	100.00 %
145 - Treasurer/Collector Total						\$1,865.00	\$-1,865.00	100.00 %
895200.007	Outside Detail					\$30,383.30	\$-30,383.30	100.00 %
895200.555	State Fire Arms					\$1,950.00	\$-1,950.00	100.00 %
210 - Police Department Total						\$32,333.30	\$-32,333.30	100.00 %
895210.001	FIREMEN DETAIL					\$1,200.00	\$-1,200.00	100.00 %
220 - Fire Department Total						\$1,200.00	\$-1,200.00	100.00 %
89 - AGENCY FUNDS Total						\$35,398.30	\$-35,398.30	100.00 %
Grand Total		\$445,017.87	\$6,729,109.25	\$3,680.00	\$0.00	\$5,667,257.52	\$1,510,549.60	78.95 %

**FY 2021  
Annual Report of the  
Egremont Water Department**

The Egremont Water Department has increased rates for water use in response to the Massachusetts DEP requirement. Advances in our software and billing system have resulted in more accurate meter reading and billing. As the Department strives for more efficiency, fewer pumping hours and the solar panels at the plant contribute to reduced operating costs.

Nathan Stalker has received his full licensed certification as Primary Operator. Two licensed backup Operators fill in on weekends and provide for vacation coverage.

The Department's finished water outflows increased again over the previous year. Our population has risen due to the COVID-19 pandemic which has contributed to higher water volume. Replacement of transmitters and meter maintenance contribute to more efficient operations and ensure correct meter readings. Leak detection efforts continue across the entire system with the assistance of Massachusetts Rural Water Association.

Copper and lead testing is accomplished twice per year; Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection requires an additional round of testing to monitor pH levels in the system. DEP has also required that there was additional testing of source water and the addition of the corrosion control protocol and system. Monthly testing results for other contaminants are forwarded to the MA DEP. The Department has also initiated PFAS testing and monitoring in accordance with state and federal requirements.

Monthly water bills are generated, printed and mailed directly from Town Hall. The Water Department Clerk is available weekdays during normal Town Hall hours to answer questions and provide information about the water system and billing.

Meetings of the Commissioners are held monthly.

Respectively submitted:

Gerard 'Poly' Lanoue  
Raymond Palmucci  
Maximilian Kolb

Egremont Water Commissioners

# REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Select Board:

Thank you for allowing me to service the member towns, their veterans, and widows. We have made great strides in reaching out to our veterans in our local area, letting them know the various services available to them from Elderly Services, Community Actions and also the local senior centers. During FY 2021 we have seen a slight decrease in all areas of operation and currently have 37 active Chapter 115 claims.

## Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:

Town	FY 2021 Submitted 7/01/20-6/30/21	Pmt Due in FY 2022 -FY 2021 - 75%
Egremont	\$10,892.72	\$8,169.54

Over the last year we have completed the following for our member town's veterans:

Applications for VA Health Care		19
ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance		38
DD 214s		59
Request for Grave Markers		46
Tax Abatements/SS help/Other requests		53
Flags to funerals homes for veterans		67
Assisted with Dr. appointments	15	
Home and Office Visits		294
Veterans Services Phone Calls		1402

For FY 2021 District budget was reduced by the reserve resulting in a smaller assessment for the member towns. During these trying financial times all veterans and widows are encouraged to contact this office or the US Department of Veterans Affairs and review current entitlements as many changes have taken place. Egremont' apportionment towards the FY 2021 DVS budget was \$5,681.52 – this number was based on population percentage on the 2010 Census.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie J. Hils

Southern Berkshire District Director for Veteran Services



**COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS**  
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June 22, 2021

Town of Egremont  
PO Box 368  
South Egremont, MA 01258

Dear Friends,

We deeply appreciate your support of Community Health Programs. It is through the help and generosity of people like you that we are able to continue to serve over 30,000 individuals in Berkshire County each year. Your compassionate support truly makes a difference!

This letter acknowledges your generous gift of \$1,000.00, which will go a long way toward supporting those in need; from prenatal education for parents to kindergarten readiness, nutritious food for those with food insecurity to healthcare and wrap around services for everyone in our community regardless of insurance or ability to pay. Thousands of our friends and neighbors, many of them struggling to access care, will have their lives improved with your support.

CHP maintains a strong commitment to serving those in need, and our capacity to provide high quality healthcare is vital to the health and wellbeing of our community. Our team of over 240 employees at 9 medical sites, 3 dental centers, our 2 mobile health units, and family services, work daily to address basic and complex health needs. Your gift will enhance our ability to provide exceptional, compassionate care to residents of Berkshire County for years to come.

You put the *community* in Community Health Programs.

On behalf of all of us at CHP, I thank you.

Sincerely,

Amelia (Lia) Spiliotes  
Chief Executive Officer

*Please be informed that your donation is a tax-deductible gift and meets the requirements of Section 170(f)(g) of the Internal Revenue Code. We acknowledge that you did not receive any goods or services in return for this donation. Community Health Programs (CHP) is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and our Federal ID # is 04-2582119.*



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## Egremont Town Appropriate Report

December 29, 2020

With help from Egremont's town appropriation, Construct was able to provide COVID-19 related to rental assistance to 7 households. In each case, the head of household had lost income as a result of the pandemic. This resulted in 12 assists to serve 15 Egremont residents and keep them current with their rent. The average assist was \$781 with a total of \$9372 thus far.

Without support from towns and individuals, Construct never could have responded as quickly as we did and were one of the first rental assistance programs in the state starting with May rent. We had hoped the need for this support would be over by now but so many neighbors are still struggling. In addition to exponentially more rental assistance, we have received more and earlier calls for winter assistance and fewer funds are available because of COVID-19 relief expenditures.

We continue to work with households from Egremont in search of homes they can afford, the town itself to develop affordable home ownership so that we all can have a safe roof over head. Now, more than ever, housing is healthcare!

## Appropriation Request for 2021

Because of concerns for the long term effects of COVID-19 on individuals, families, organizations and towns, though we need additional funds to meet the need in Egremont, we would be grateful for level funding of \$1500.00



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## **Egremont Garden Club**

The Egremont Garden Club (EGC), along with the rest of the world, had another unusual year. We were able to resume some of our activities but unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, we were unable to hold our Annual Spring Plant Sale (where we raise the majority of our funds) or provide relevant gardening programs for the community.

However, there were many activities that we were still able to undertake. Members continued to maintain several gardens around town, including gardens at the Egremont Free Library, the Green in South Egremont, the Creamery Rd/Rt. 23 triangle, at the entrances to Hillside Cemetery and French Park, as well as seasonal plantings of the six Bridge Boxes in South Egremont. In many cases, additional plants were purchased to enhance those that were already there; plants were also contributed from members' private gardens. Many of our members also participated in the planting and weeding of the Pollinator Garden in French Park.

In August, we filled coffee mugs with fresh flowers and, in December, we filled mugs with holiday greenery. All of these mugs were then donated to the "Meals on Wheels" Program for senior citizens. We also purchased, decorated and distributed Christmas wreaths to all town buildings in North and South Egremont.

Each year the EGC presents the Gertrude Burdsall Memorial Scholarship to a graduating senior from Mt. Everett Regional High School. This scholarship goes to a senior who plans to pursue a college education in horticulture or a related field.

The EGC has recently become involved with the design, planting and maintenance of the gardens at the South Egremont Village School. Some of the members have already cleared the beds of weeds and planted spring bulbs; plans for the garden include adding native pollinator-friendly plants in the spring. The renovated garden beds will not only enhance the school grounds but will also provide an educational tool to allow students to learn more about the importance of plants and pollinators. A hands-on project for students is also part of the club's plan for the future.

Next year, conditions permitting, we would like to again be able to offer gardening programs for the Egremont community to participate in.

The Egremont Garden Club appreciates the funding we receive from the Town which helps us to maintain the above gardens for all to enjoy and provide programs to our community.



# Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee

c/o Fairview Hospital  
29 Lewis Ave  
Great Barrington, MA 01230

## SBREPC

Phone: 413 854-9656  
Email: SBREPC@gmail.com

### SBREPC FY21 SUMMARY

The Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee (SBREPC) would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town of Egremont for its continued support. The SBREPC works with Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) and the Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council (WRHSAC), along with state and local police, fire services, public health, emergency medical services, and other disciplines in the twelve towns of South Berkshire County.

SBREPC holds monthly meetings at Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 8:00 AM, although we have been holding recent meetings at the Great Barrington Fire Station due to the pandemic. While it is important to have representation from all the disciplines, Selectboard members are especially encouraged to attend since it is the Local Elected Officials that will have the authority to designate resources in the case of an emergency. Participation in the SBREPC fulfills your town's obligation to belong to a LEPC or REPC and assures you are meeting the goals and missions of SARA Title III.

During FY21, the SBREPC has completed the following:

- Assisted the Berkshire Vaccine Collaborative with coordinating and running COVID vaccine clinics.
- Coordinated with State and local agencies and other county Regional Emergency Planning Committees for pandemic response.
- Coordinated requests and delivered personal protective equipment and signage for first responders and other organizations.
- Through grant money, provided ultraviolet lights used for disinfecting ambulances and equipment to local ambulance services.
- Updated the Regional Shelter Plan and organized the shelter equipment container located at Simon's Rock College.
- Updated contact lists for towns and organizations in the region

We are geared up for a busy FY22 as we continue to work to expand resources available to our towns during all hazards. Thank you for your support and involvement to strengthen emergency preparedness in Berkshire County.

*Serving the communities of Alford, Egremont, Great Barrington,  
Monterey, Mount Washington, New Marlborough, Otis, Sandisfield, Sheffield,  
Stockbridge, Tyringham and West Stockbridge*



## Housatonic Valley Association – Town of Egremont Report

December 29, 2020

HVA is the watershed organization for the Housatonic watershed. Our mission is to protect the natural character and environmental health of the entire Housatonic Watershed for this and future generations. HVA's work includes stream restoration, outreach and education, water quality monitoring, and land protection throughout the entire watershed.

HVA has directly benefited the town of Egremont with the development of a Road Stream Crossing Management Plan. Beginning in 2019 and continuing in 2020, HVA embarked on developing a RSCMP for the Town of Egremont at no cost to the Town. This work has been funded primarily by a New England Forest and Rivers Fund grant. Working in collaboration with the town and its Superintendent, James Noe, all of the road stream crossings were assessed for aquatic connectivity and flood risk. During this past summer, key town officials met with HVA staff to review the results of the surveys and develop a priority list for culvert replacements. In 2021, HVA will complete a preliminary design for one priority culvert replacement, located on Blunt Road (42.175499, -73.456308). This design will pave the way for applying for funding to replace the culvert. The RSCMP is expected to be completed by the end of the summer 2021. HVA will continue to support the Town of Egremont with future culvert replacement projects.

HVA continues to strive to provide opportunities for community members to get out and enjoy the Housatonic Watershed environment. We focus on developing hands-on volunteer projects such as collecting data for river assessments and water quality monitoring. This enables people not only to know more about the river, but also to feel more connected to it. For one of these projects, we engaged community volunteers in assessing the Green River.

In 2020, HVA conducted bacteria monitoring in the Green River sub-watershed with one site located on the Green River upstream of the Rowe Road Bridge in Egremont. This site was selected because it's upstream of a recreational site. Below is the site information and results:

Site ID	Waterbody	Description	Town	Latitude	Longitude
GNR200	Green River	Upstream of Rowe Road bridge	Egremont	42.206102	-73.438995

Extracted from HVA's 2020 Bacteria Monitoring Results – Rowe Road sampling site, Egremont

Site ID	Waterbody	061020 (*MPN)	061820 (MPN)	062520 (MPN)	063020 (MPN)	071420 (MPN)	072820 (MPN)	081120 (MPN)	082720 (MPN)	091020 (MPN)	Geo Mean
GNR 200	Green River	19.5	NS	110.6	70.3	235.9	49.6	160.7	42.6	29.2	74.0

*\*MPN is the acronym for Most Probable Number which correlates to the number of bacteria colonies per 100 milliliters. The eight samples collected were analyzed for E coli by Microbac Labs in Lee. For a river like the Green River, to meet Massachusetts State standards the geometric mean of five or more samples should be less than 126 colonies/ 100 ml and no one sample exceed 235 colonies / 100 ml. This site on the Green River had one sample just exceeding the 235 threshold and should not raise any alarm about recreating in the Green River in the vicinity of this sampling site.*

We were grateful for the support of David Seligman as a volunteer water quality monitor for collecting samples on the Green River, as well as serving on our Technical Advisory Committee and assisting with reviewing data and a draft of the final report. ([HVA 2020 Final Bacteria Monitoring Report](#)) In 2021, HVA will continue to monitor sites for bacteria with support from the Berkshire Environmental Endowment Fund.

Egremont students benefit from HVA's continued work to educate children about water, their watershed and the stormwater runoff issues and solutions. Currently, HVA in partnership with Mass Audubon, is providing four out of a series of eight watershed education programs designed for fifth grade students. This program will continue for three years. For several years, fifth grade teachers at Undermountain Elementary have received presentations at their school. They have also borrowed materials to deliver the lessons themselves.

We believe that the more people interact with river issues, the more they will appreciate our rivers as a resource. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we suspended our paddle trips but in 2021, we anticipate providing public paddle trips once again, in partnership with the Housatonic Heritage. These **free** trips provide an opportunity for people to explore with the Housatonic River with support and learn to appreciate it as a resource.



# LITERACY NETWORK OF SOUTH BERKSHIRE

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December 28, 2020

Ms. Mary Brazie  
Office Administrator  
Town of Egremont  
P.O. Box 368  
Egremont, MA 01258-0368

Dear Ms. Brazie:

I am writing to request that the Town of Egremont kindly remit its \$400 payment appropriated by the Town for FY2020 to the Literacy Network of South Berkshire (LitNet). Please send the FY2020 payment to the LitNet office at the address below.

As you may recall, LitNet has been working since 1991 to help adult learners in our community reach their educational goals. During free, weekly, one-on-one sessions with volunteer tutors, LitNet students learn how to communicate in English, practice their reading skills, prepare for the U.S. citizenship test, or work to obtain their high school diplomas. As their basic literacy skills improve, LitNet's adult learners are better able to navigate the world around them and make positive changes in their lives. I am pleased to note that LitNet currently has fourteen **participants who live in the town of Egremont**—three ESOL students and eleven tutors. In 2019, LitNet served over **95 brand new students**, and we regularly support more than 130 adult learners each month.

During 2020, we are proud to share that, that, despite the pandemic, after a break pause to conduct research on the best ways forward for LitNet, we engaged in a Distance Learning Initiative allowing us to learn more about what works best for our tutors and learners as they ventured into learning together online. This past fall, we have on-boarded 40 new tutors, and provided a tutor to over 60 new learners. Each week, new tutor volunteers are contacting us, and new learners are reaching out in need of support to reach toward their goals to improve their English, work toward attaining their GED, or heading down the path to become naturalized U.S. citizens.

LitNet is able to provide these services to the community as a result of the generous support it received from the Town of Egremont and other contributors. **We are grateful for the town's consistent support and respectfully request that you consider including a contribution of \$400 to the Literacy Network of South Berkshire in the town's 2021 budget.**

Thank you for helping us to advance adult education in southern Berkshire County. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 413-243-0471 or [ldoherty@litnetsb.org](mailto:ldoherty@litnetsb.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Leigh Doherty  
Executive Director

Merle Kailas  
President, Board of Directors

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Peter Taylor

July 22, 2021

Ms. Susan Funk  
Town of Egremont, Treasurer's Office  
PO Box 368  
South Egremont, MA 01258-0368

Dear Sue,

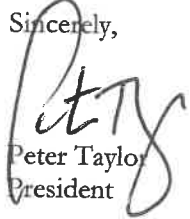
Thank you for your gift of \$1,000.00 on July 15, 2021 from the Town of Egremont to the Eagle Fund, a fund of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

Through partnerships with donors like you, Berkshire Taconic has established an education enrichment fund in every school district we serve. Together, these funds distribute over \$300,000 annually for high-quality projects that help students build skills and discover new talents, give educators the chance to teach topics beyond the curriculum, and deepen connections between our public schools and area residents. With your gift, our young people can continue to have access to a fantastic range of programs that would not otherwise be available to them.

Your donation helps Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation advance our mission to strengthen communities through philanthropy and leadership. In 2020, we awarded over \$16.6 million in grants and scholarships; this essential funding is an investment in the vibrant future of our region and its extraordinary residents.

We are grateful that you have chosen to put your charitable dollars to work as a force for change through the Eagle Fund.

Sincerely,

  
Peter Taylor  
President



*Please note: The Foundation has not provided you with any goods or services as a result of your donation. We acknowledge this gift came from the Town of Egremont.*



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 21, 2021

Egremont Board of Selectmen  
Juliette Haas  
P.O. Box 368  
South Egremont, MA 01258

Dear Juliette,

Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$1,500 in support of Railroad Street Youth Project. Since its founding, RSYP has served a vital role in our community, empowering young people to find their voice and unique identity, follow their passion, and successfully negotiate the often difficult transition to adulthood. Through RSYP, our constituents explore and develop ideas and projects which enrich their lives, the lives of their peers and our community as a whole.

In this past year alone, RSYP served over 800 youth in South County through programs like our Drop-in Center, the Youth Operational Board, Apprenticeships, Mentoring, Sexual Health Education, and the South County Community Health Coalition.

Your gift is particularly significant during the current pandemic, which has highlighted both the intense need and the incredible resilience of our community's youth. Even when faced with increased feelings of isolation, anxiety and depression, they are eager to connect, learn and succeed.

Without your support for our mission of youth development and empowerment, none of this would be possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ananda Timpane  
Executive Director

*Your gift to Railroad Street Youth Project, a 501(c)3 organization, is fully deductible for income tax purposes. No goods or services were provided in return for your gift.*

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